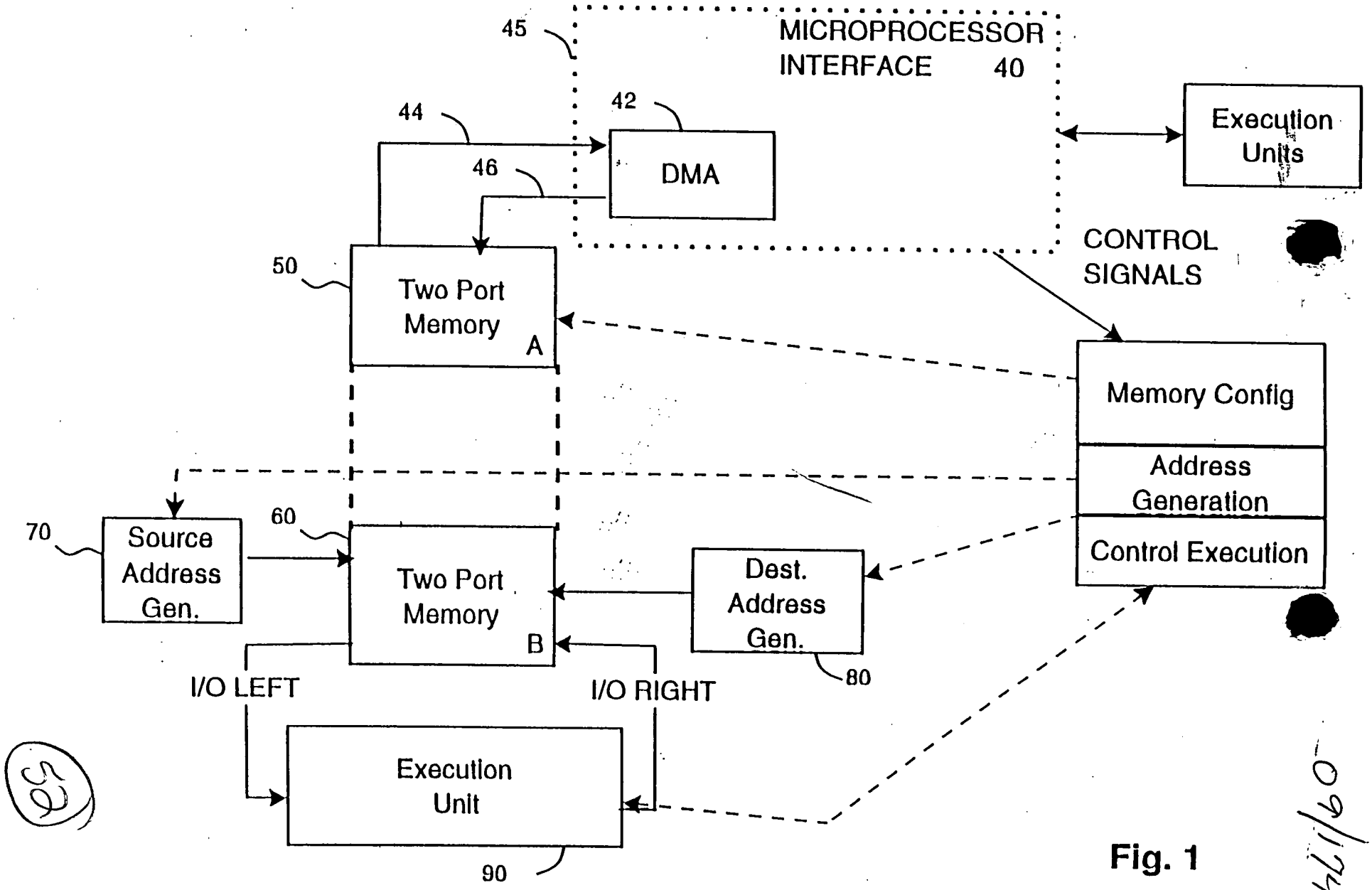
45
MICROPROCESSOR
INTERFACE 40
44
42
DMA
Execution
Units
46
CONTROL
SIGNALS
50
Two Port
Memory
A
Memory Config
Address
Generation
Control Execution
70
Source
Address
Gen.
60
Two Port
Memory
B
Dest.
Address
Gen.
80
I/O LEFT
I/O RIGHT
Execution
Unit
90

Fig. 1

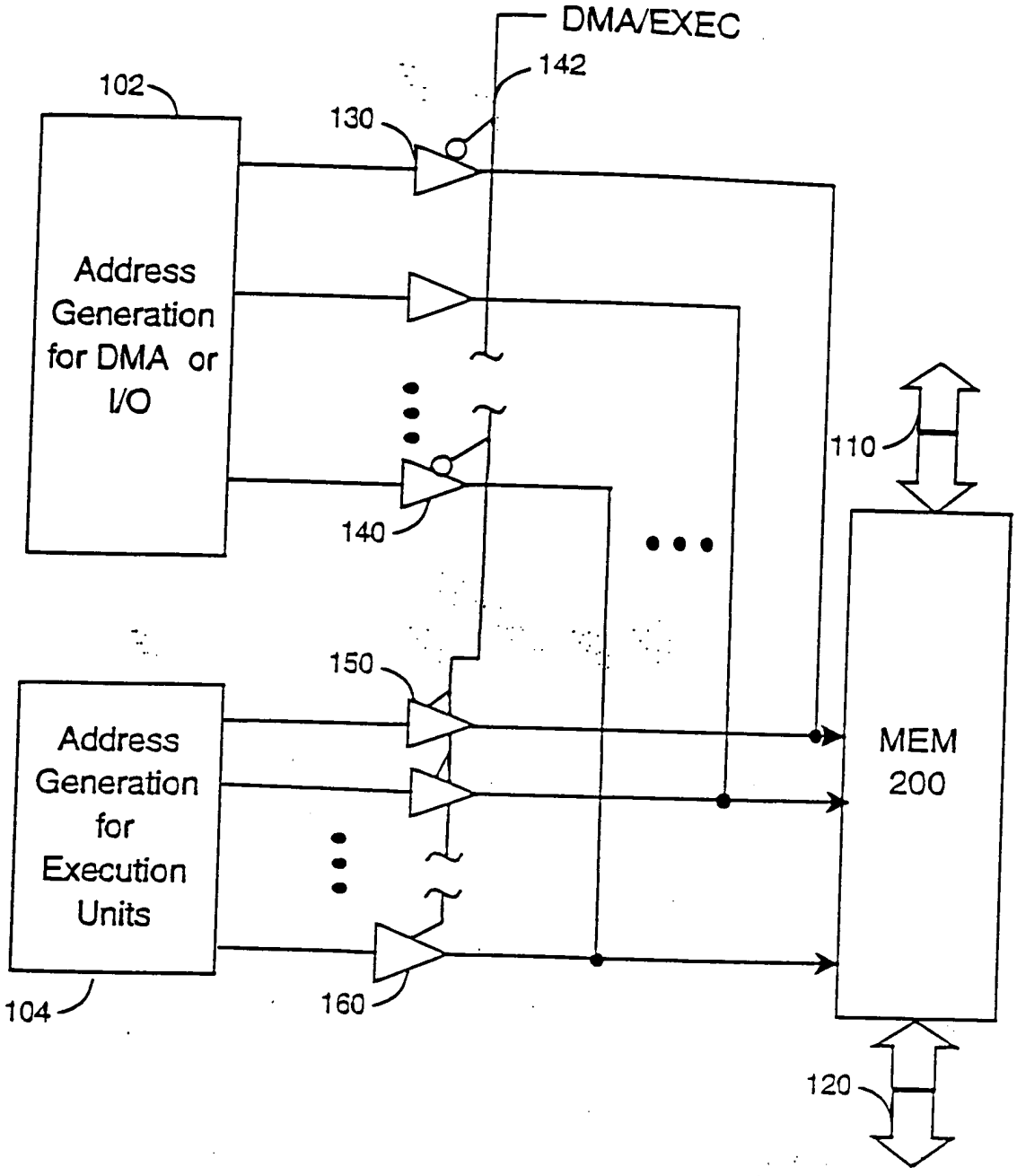
DMA/EXEC
142
102
130
Address Generation for DMA or I/O
140
110
150
Address Generation for Execution Units
MEM 200
104
160
120

FIG. 2

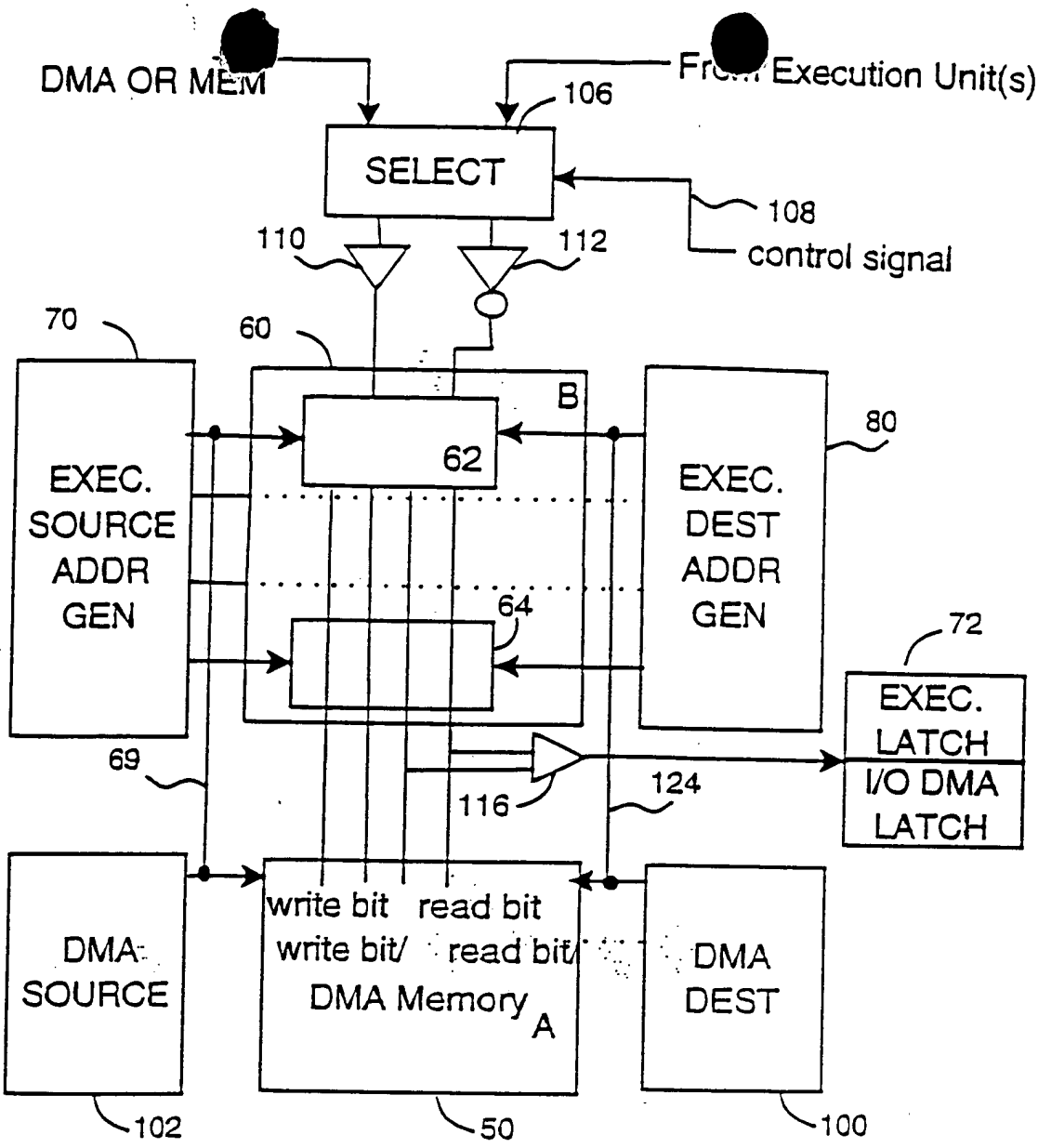
DMA OR MEM
From Execution Unit(s)
106
SELECT
108
control signal
110
112
70
60
B
62
80
EXEC. SOURCE ADDR GEN
EXEC. DEST ADDR GEN
64
72
EXEC. LATCH
I/O DMA LATCH
69
116
124
DMA SOURCE
write bit
read bit
write bit/
read bit/
DMA Memory
A
DMA DEST
102
50
100

Fig. 3

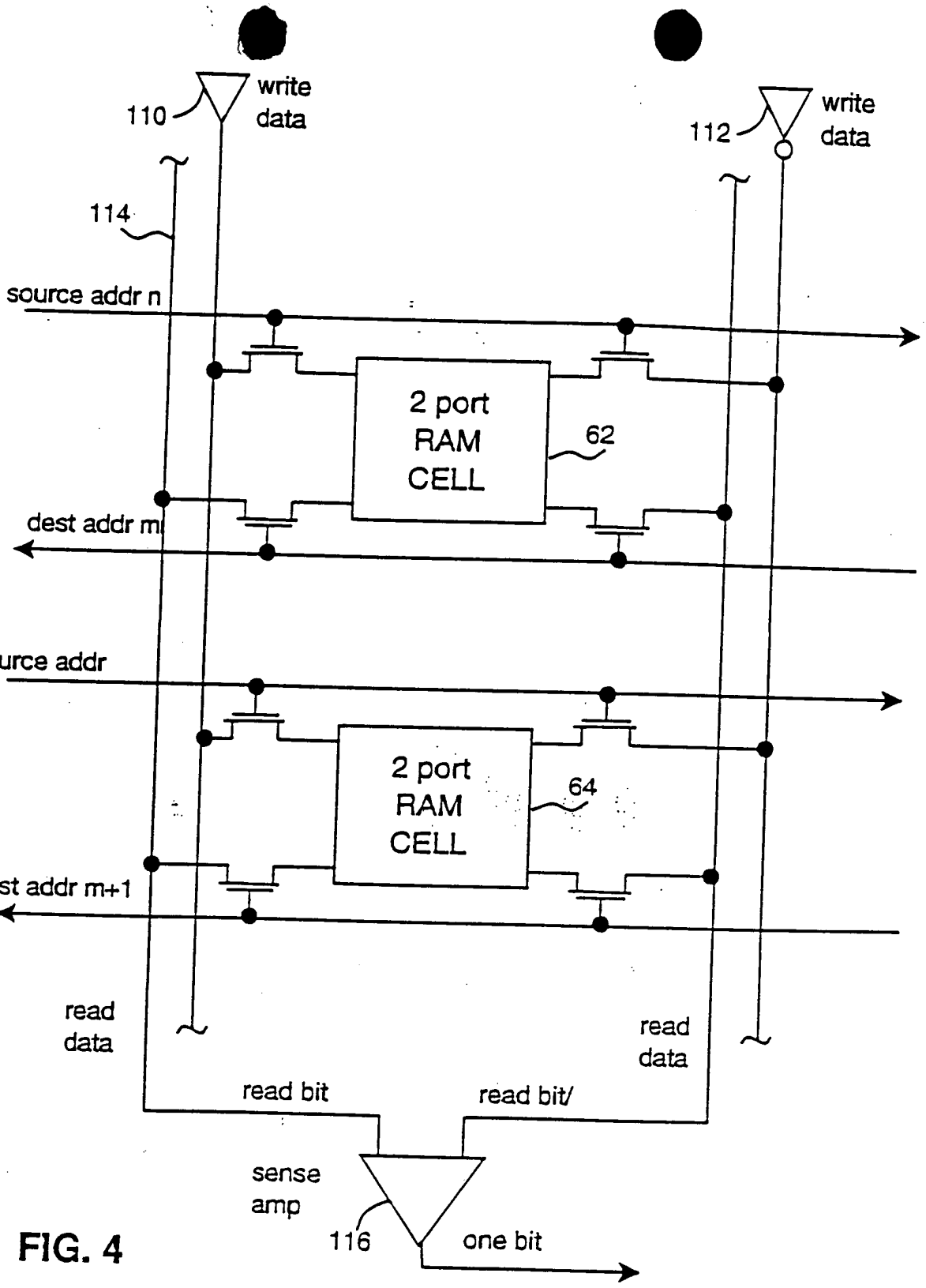
write
data
110
write
data
112
114
source addr n
2 port
RAM
CELL
62
dest addr m
source addr
2 port
RAM
CELL
64
dest addr m+1
read
data
read
data
read bit
read bit/
sense
amp
116
one bit

FIG. 4

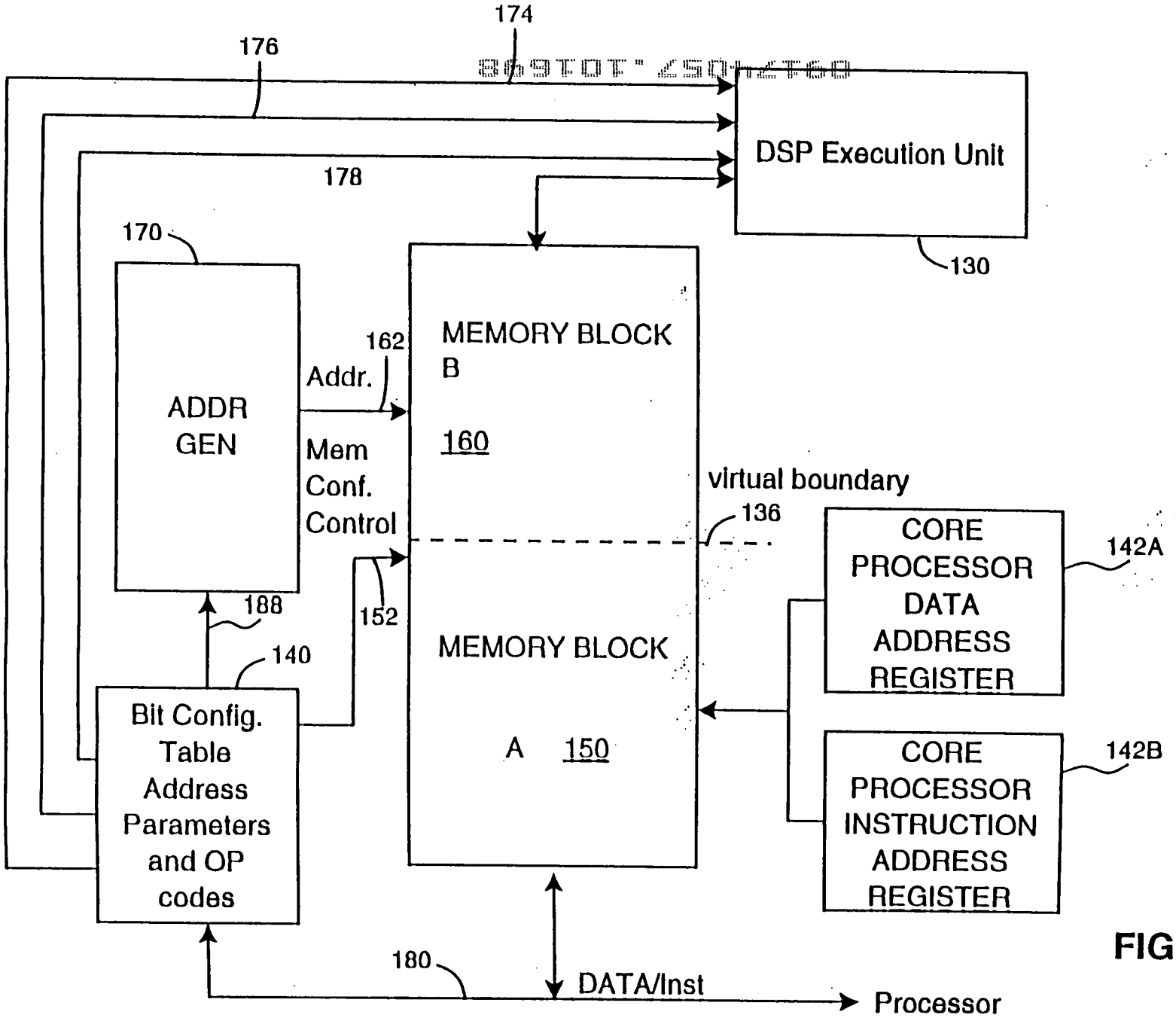
174
176
DSP Execution Unit
178
130
170
MEMORY BLOCK
B
162
Addr.
ADDR
GEN
160
Mem
Conf.
Control
virtual boundary
136
CORE
PROCESSOR
DATA
ADDRESS
REGISTER
142A
188
152
MEMORY BLOCK
140
A 150
Bit Config.
Table
Address
Parameters
and OP
codes
CORE
PROCESSOR
INSTRUCTION
ADDRESS
REGISTER
142B
180
DATA/Inst
Processor

FIG. 5A

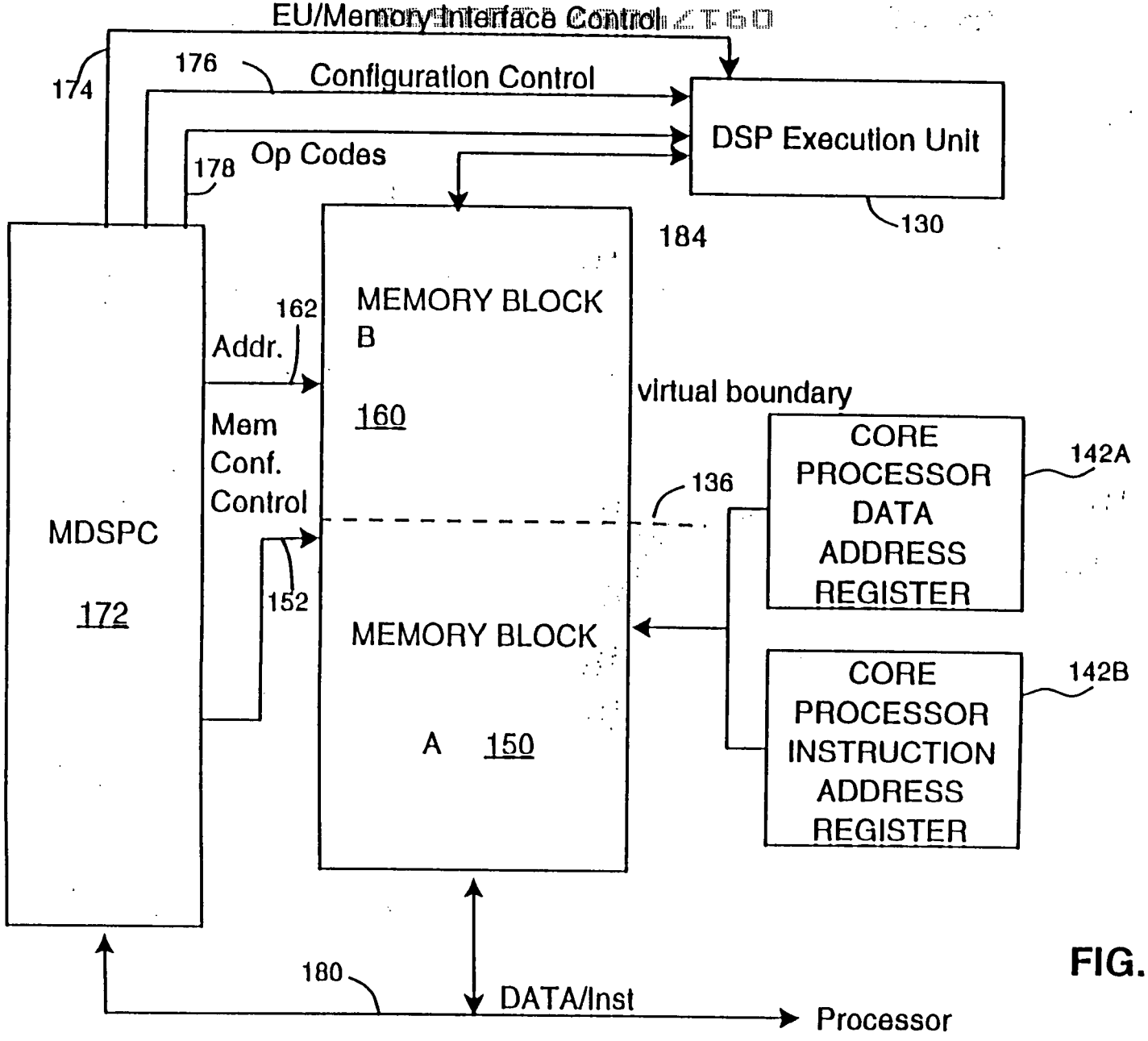
EU/Memory Interface Control
174
176
Configuration Control
DSP Execution Unit
178
Op Codes
130
184
MEMORY BLOCK B
160
162
Addr.
virtual boundary
Mem Conf. Control
MDSPC
172
152
136
CORE PROCESSOR DATA ADDRESS REGISTER
142A
MEMORY BLOCK A 150
CORE PROCESSOR INSTRUCTION ADDRESS REGISTER
142B
180
DATA/Inst
Processor

FIG. 5B

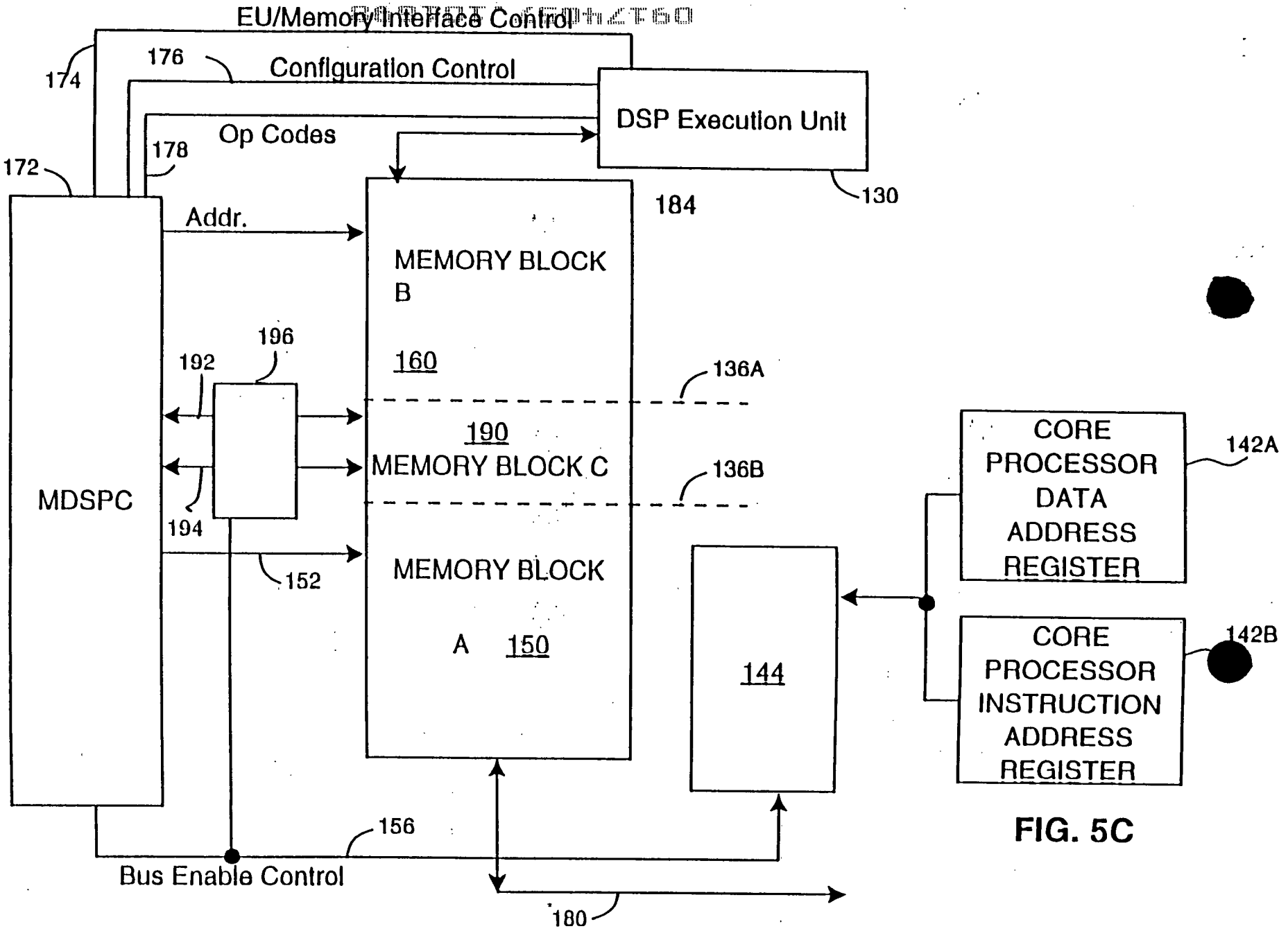
EU/Memory Interface Control
174
176
Configuration Control
DSP Execution Unit
Op Codes
178
172
184
130
Addr.
MEMORY BLOCK B
160
196
192
136A
190
MEMORY BLOCK C
136B
MDSPC
194
152
MEMORY BLOCK A 150
144
CORE PROCESSOR DATA ADDRESS REGISTER
142A
CORE PROCESSOR INSTRUCTION ADDRESS REGISTER
142B
156
Bus Enable Control
180

FIG. 5C

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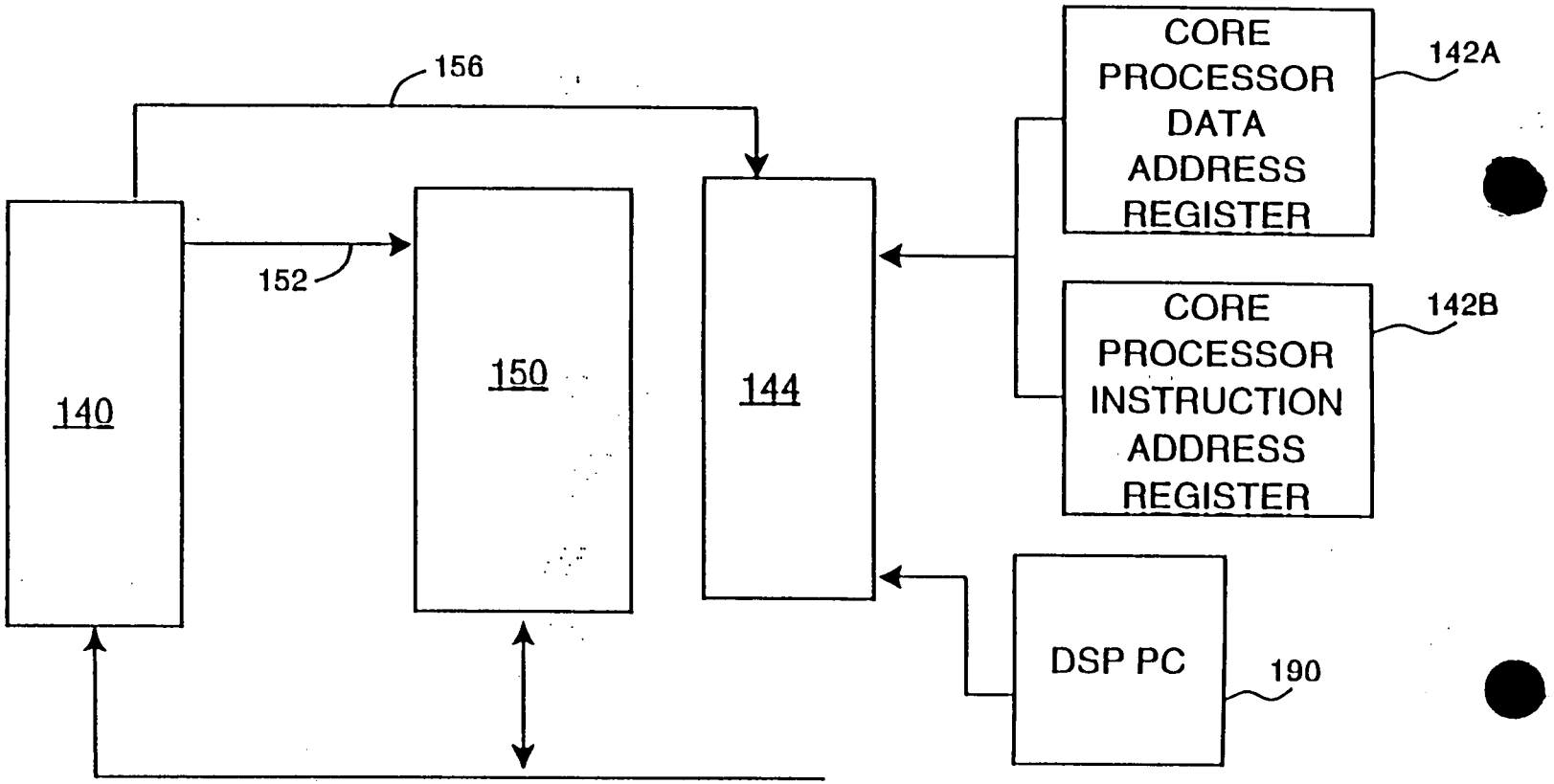

FIG. 6A

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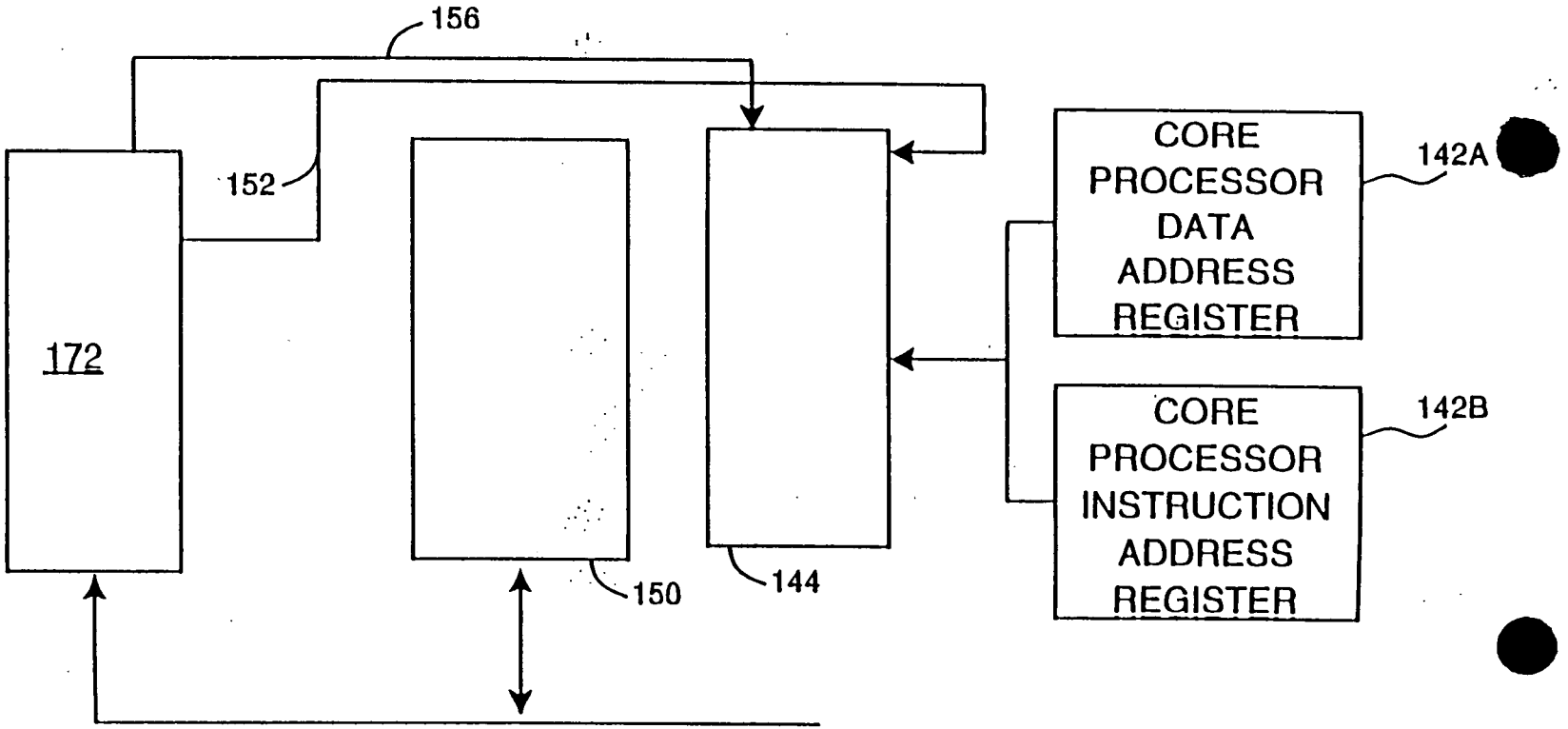

FIG. 6B

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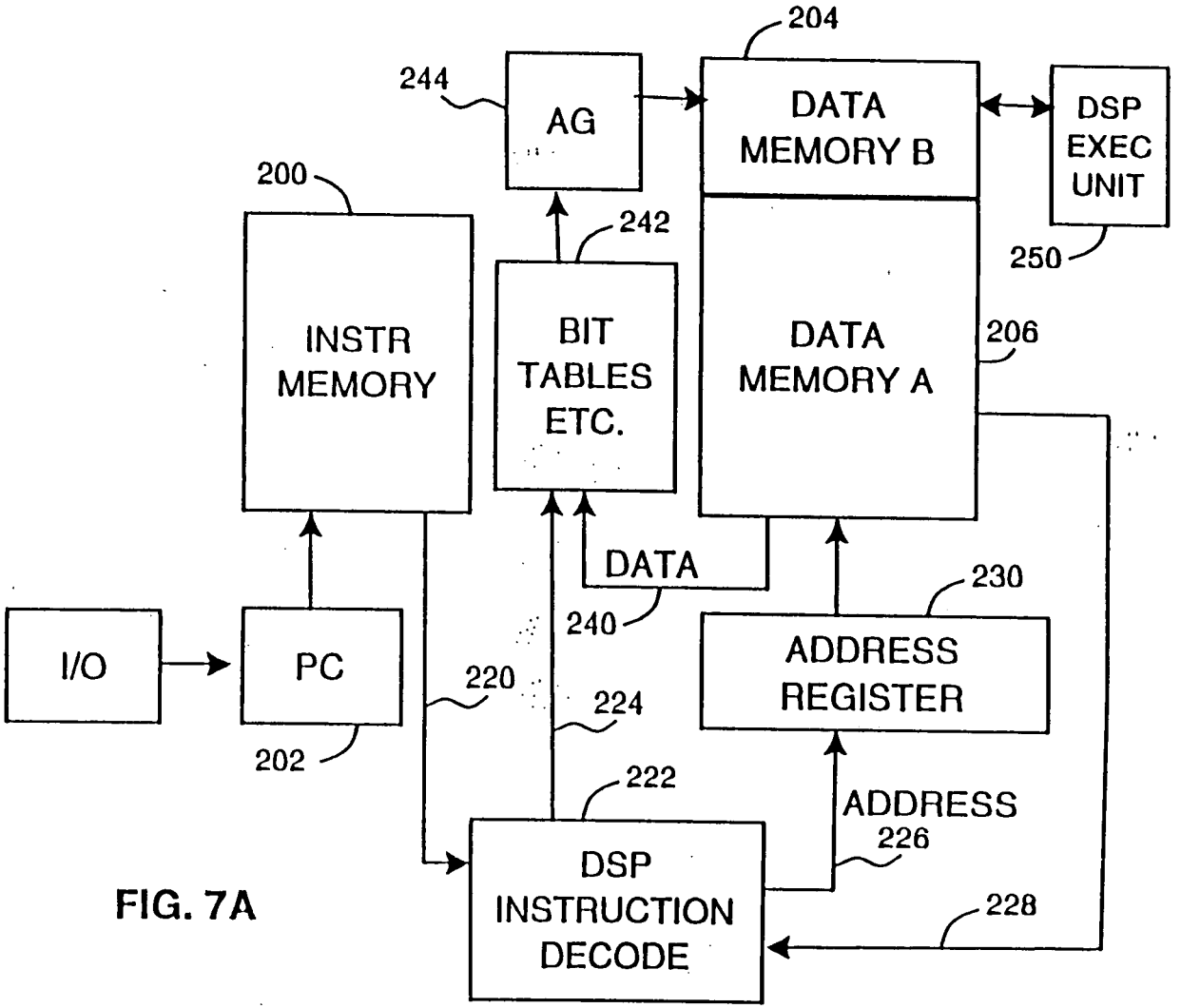

FIG. 7A

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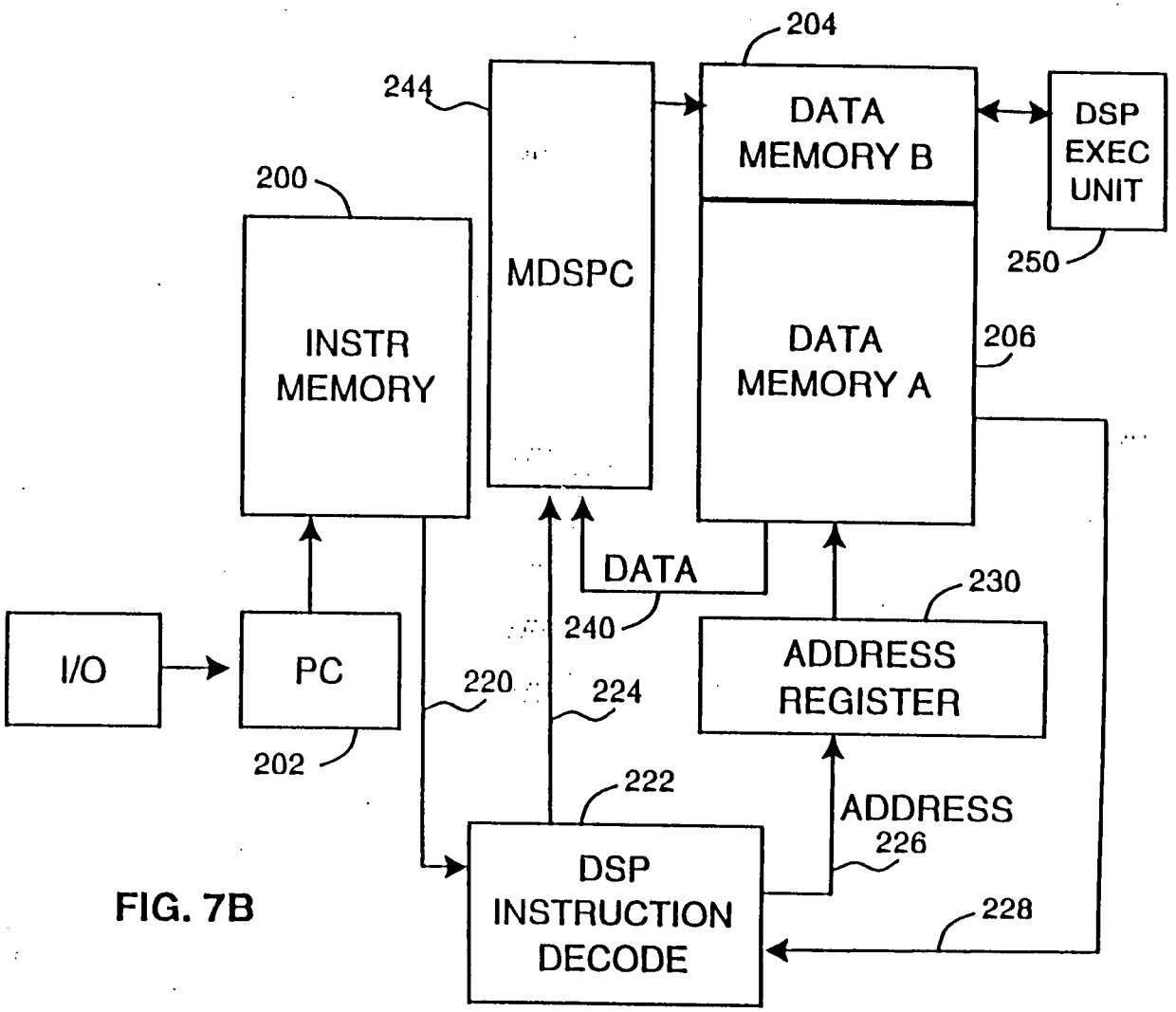

FIG. 7B

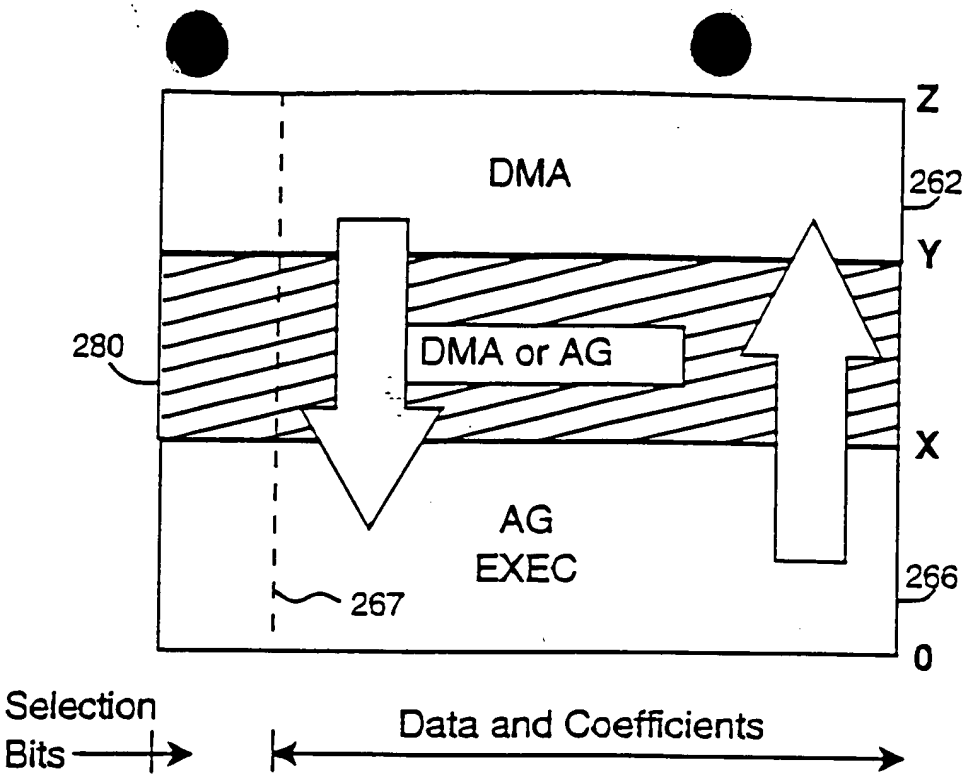

FIG. 8

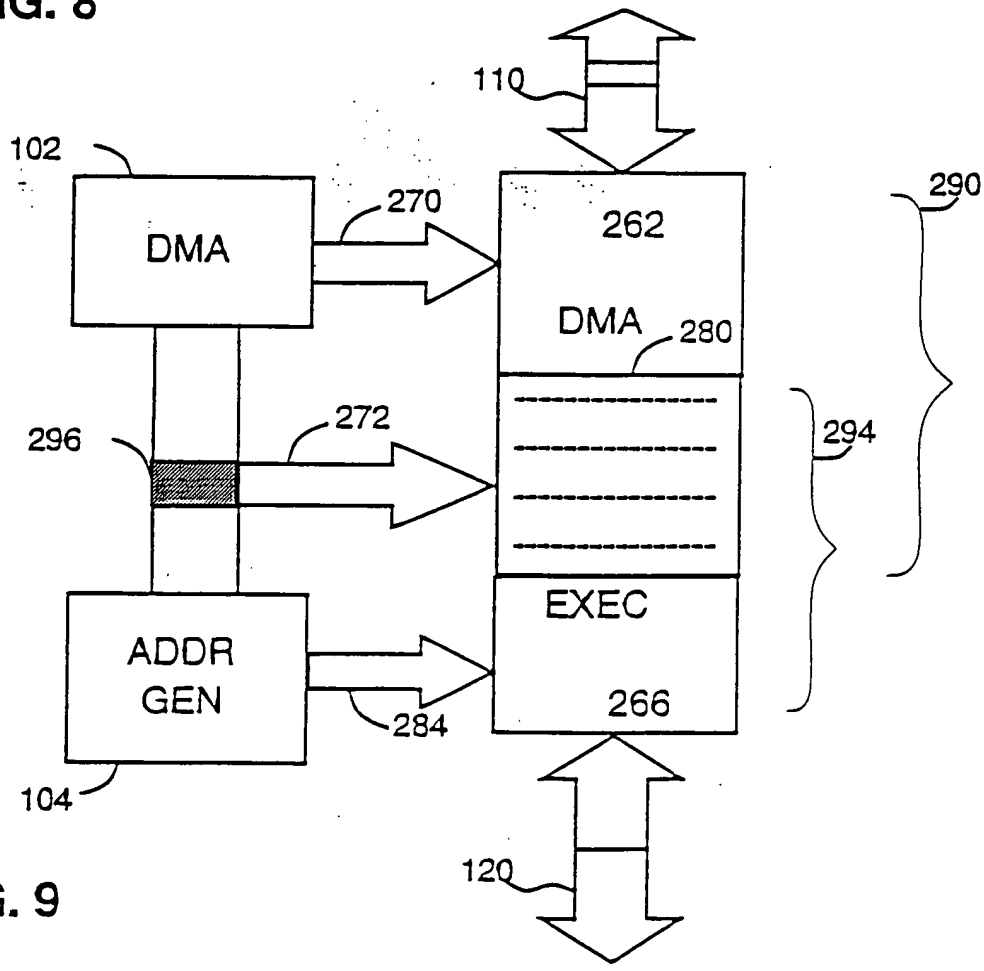

FIG. 9

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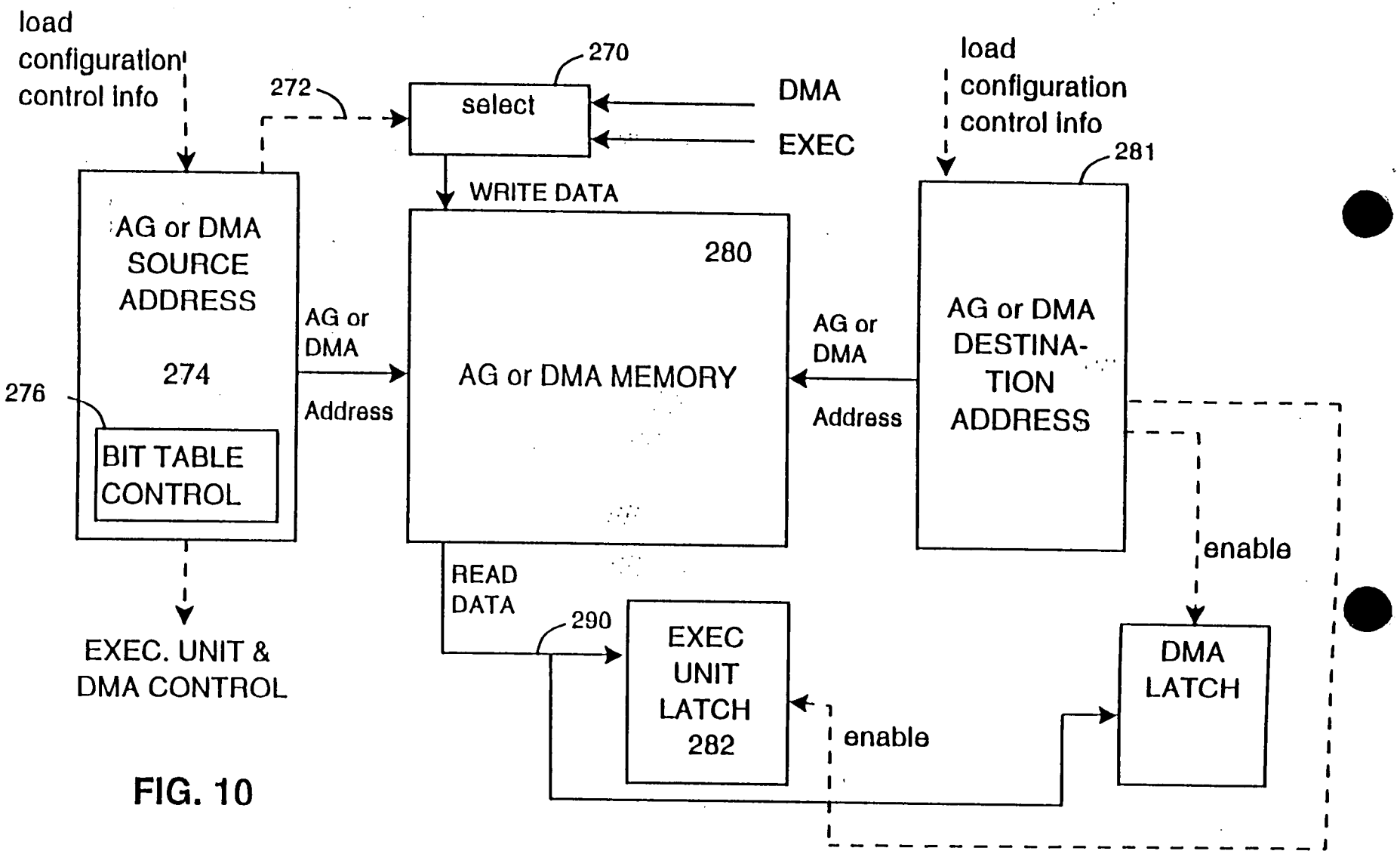
load
configuration
control info
272
270
select
DMA
EXEC
load
configuration
control info
281
WRITE DATA
AG or DMA
SOURCE
ADDRESS
274
276
BIT TABLE
CONTROL
AG or
DMA
Address
280
AG or DMA MEMORY
AG or
DMA
Address
AG or DMA
DESTINA-
TION
ADDRESS
enable
READ
DATA
290
EXEC
UNIT
LATCH
282
DMA
LATCH
enable
EXEC. UNIT &
DMA CONTROL

FIG. 10

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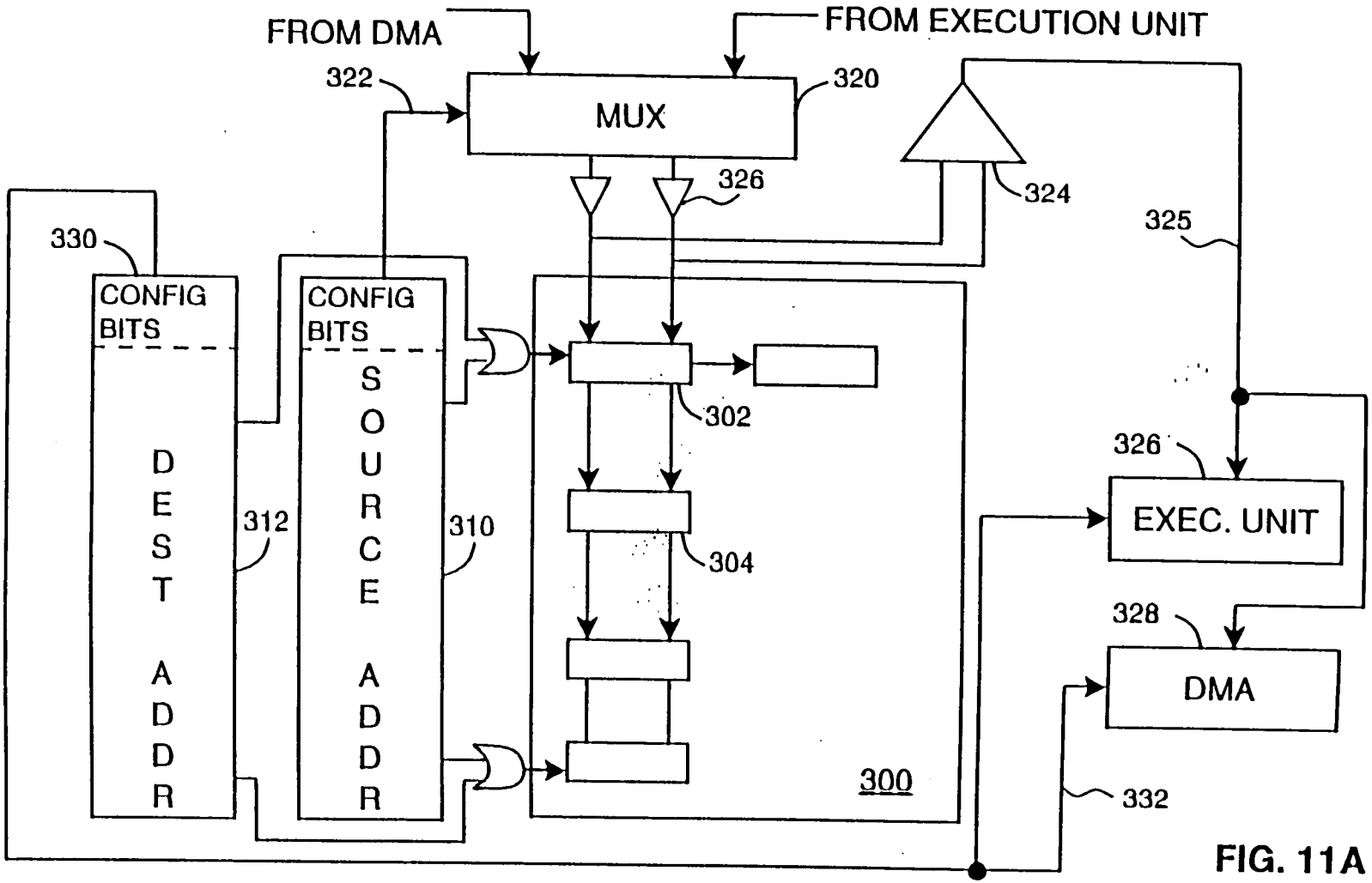

FIG. 11A

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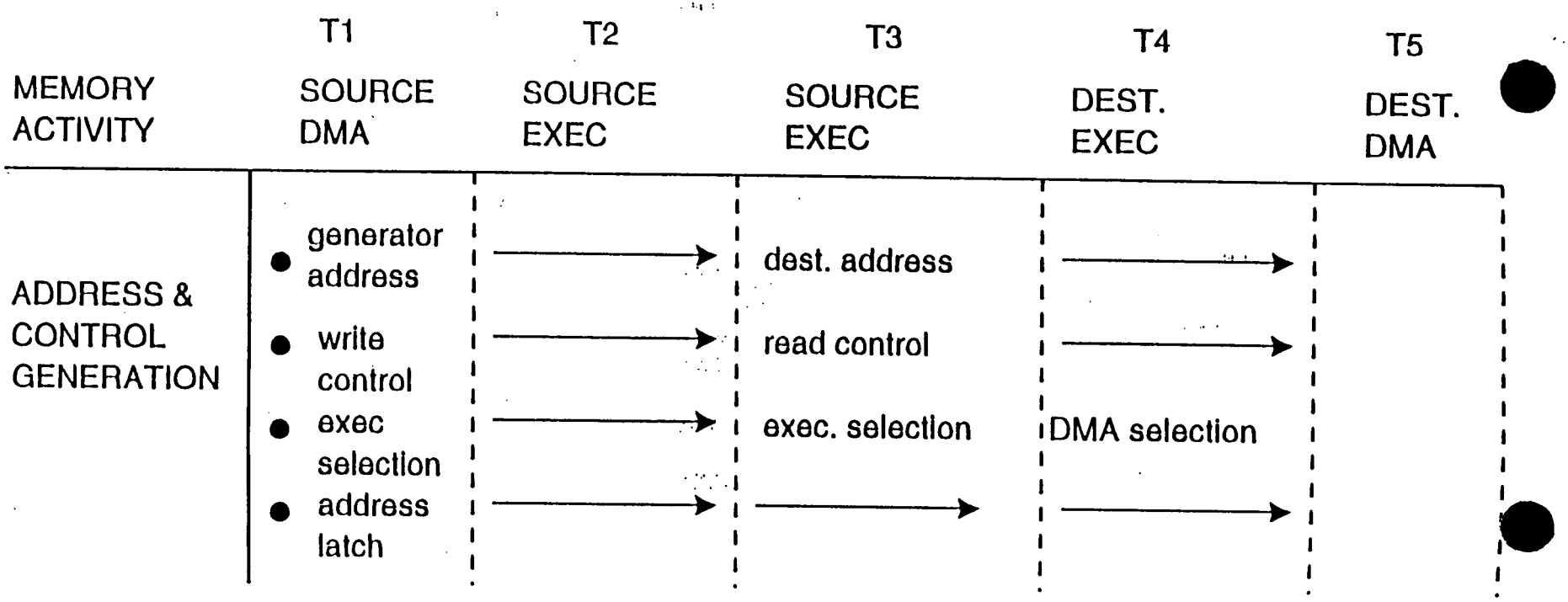

FIG. 11B

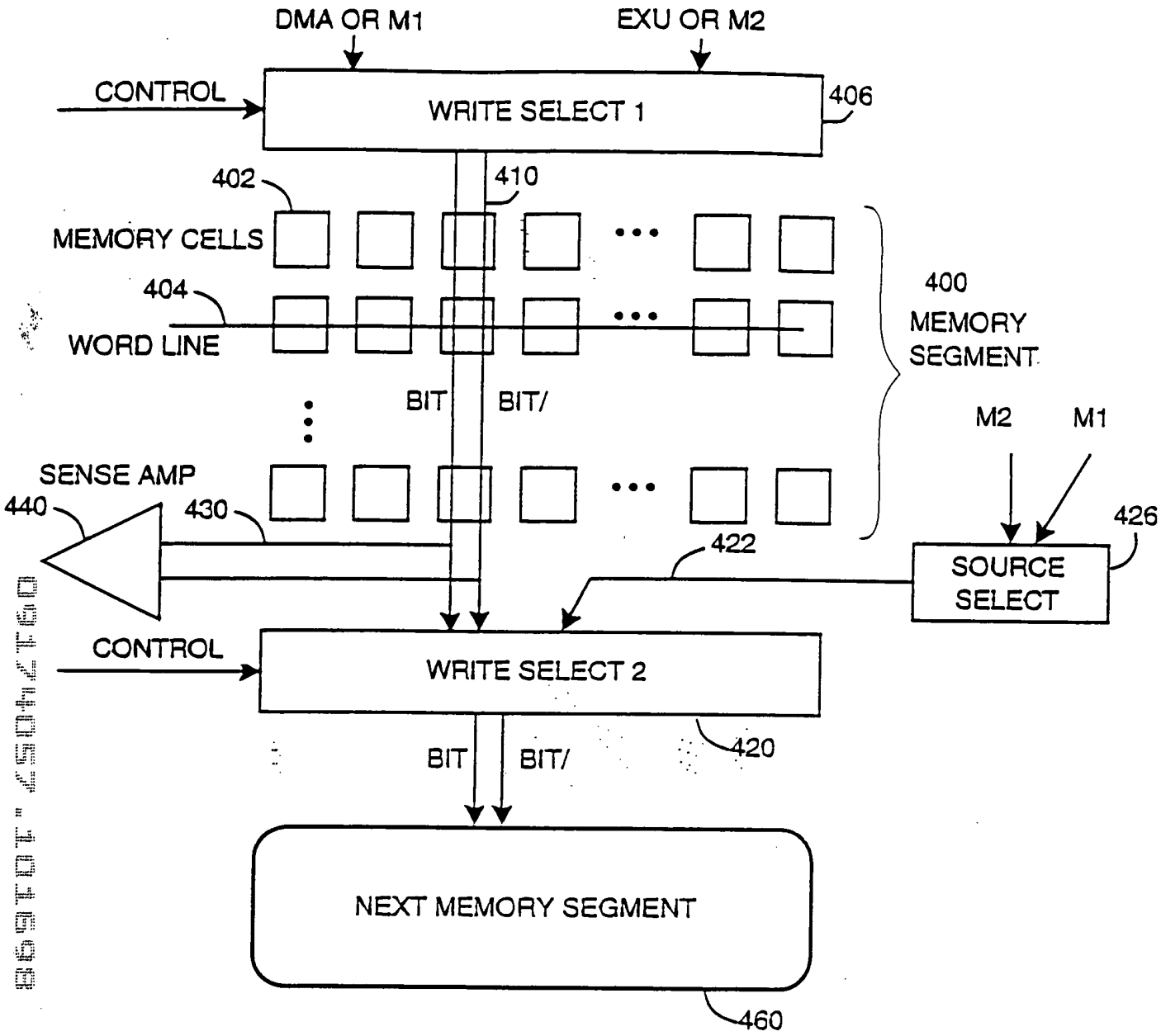
DMA OR M1
EXU OR M2
CONTROL
WRITE SELECT 1
406
402
410
MEMORY CELLS
404
WORD LINE
400
MEMORY
SEGMENT
BIT
BIT/
M2
M1
SENSE AMP
440
430
426
422
SOURCE
SELECT
CONTROL
WRITE SELECT 2
420
BIT
BIT/
NEXT MEMORY SEGMENT
460

FIG. 12

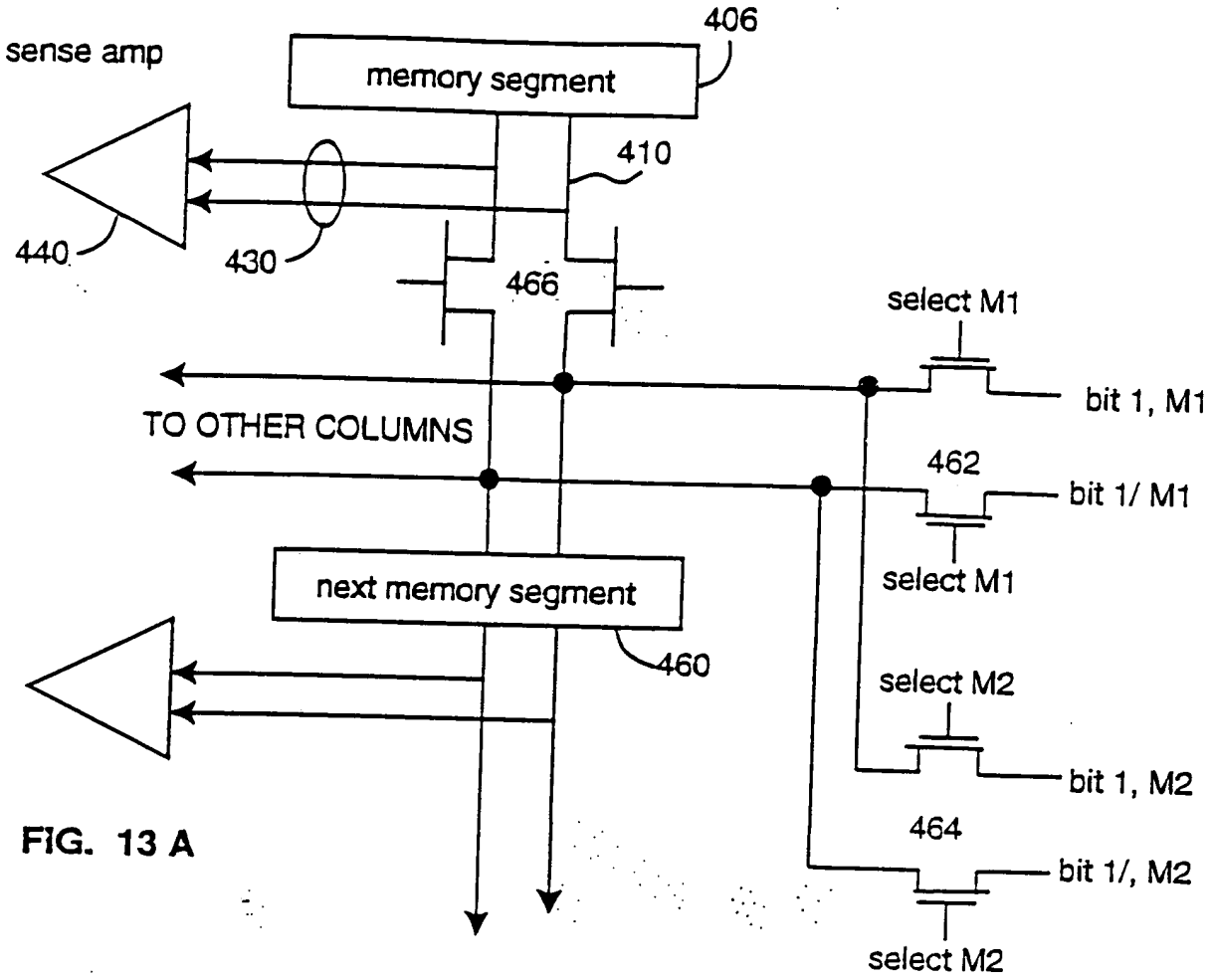

FIG. 13 A

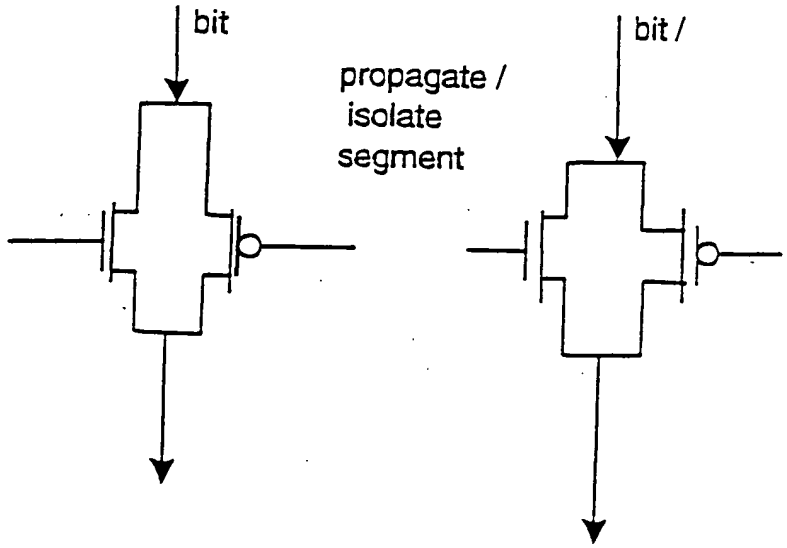

FIG. 13 B

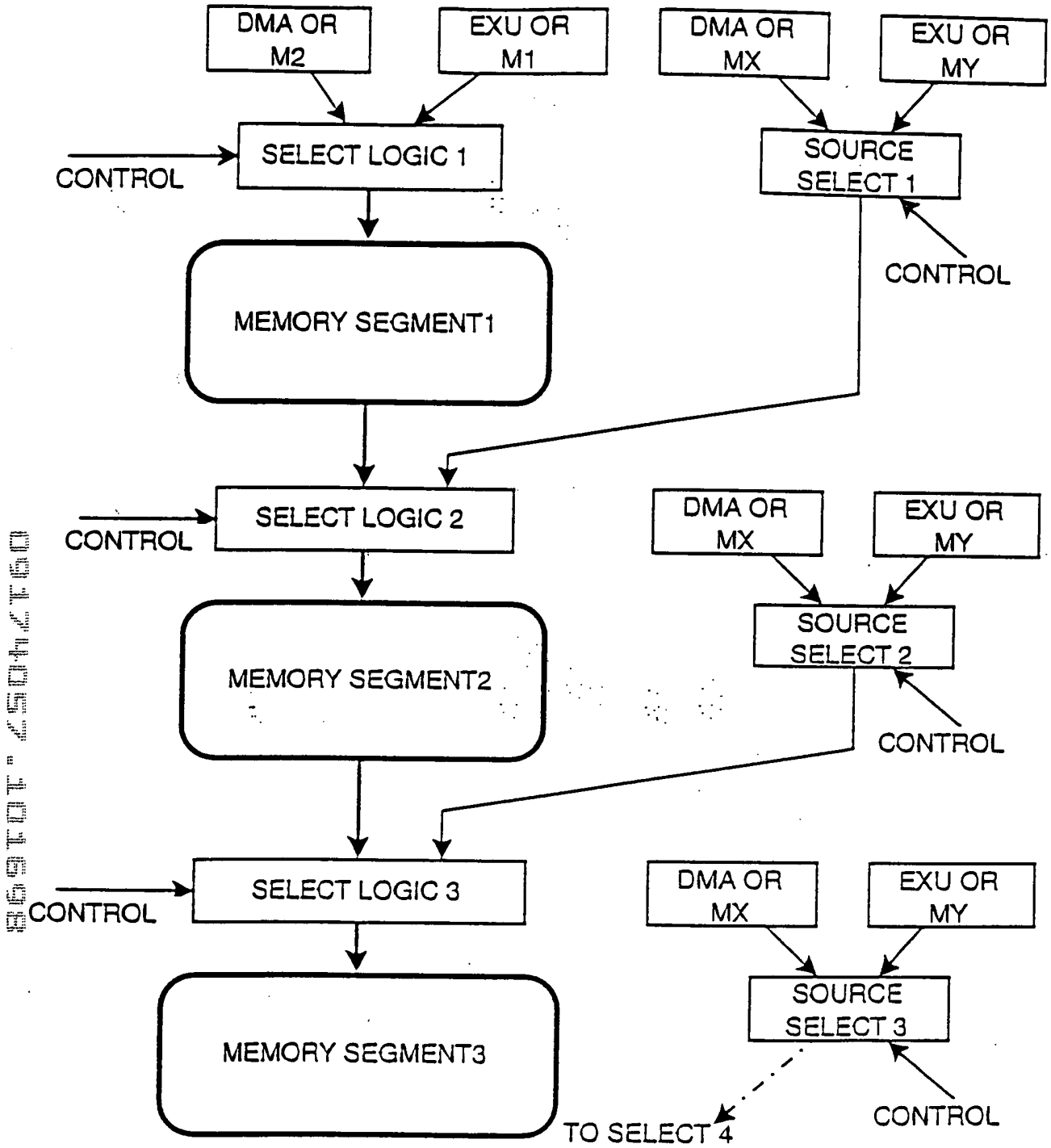
DMA OR M2
EXU OR M1
DMA OR MX
EXU OR MY
SELECT LOGIC 1
CONTROL
SOURCE SELECT 1
CONTROL
MEMORY SEGMENT1
SELECT LOGIC 2
CONTROL
DMA OR MX
EXU OR MY
SOURCE SELECT 2
MEMORY SEGMENT2
CONTROL
SELECT LOGIC 3
CONTROL
DMA OR MX
EXU OR MY
SOURCE SELECT 3
MEMORY SEGMENT3
TO SELECT 4
CONTROL

FIG. 14

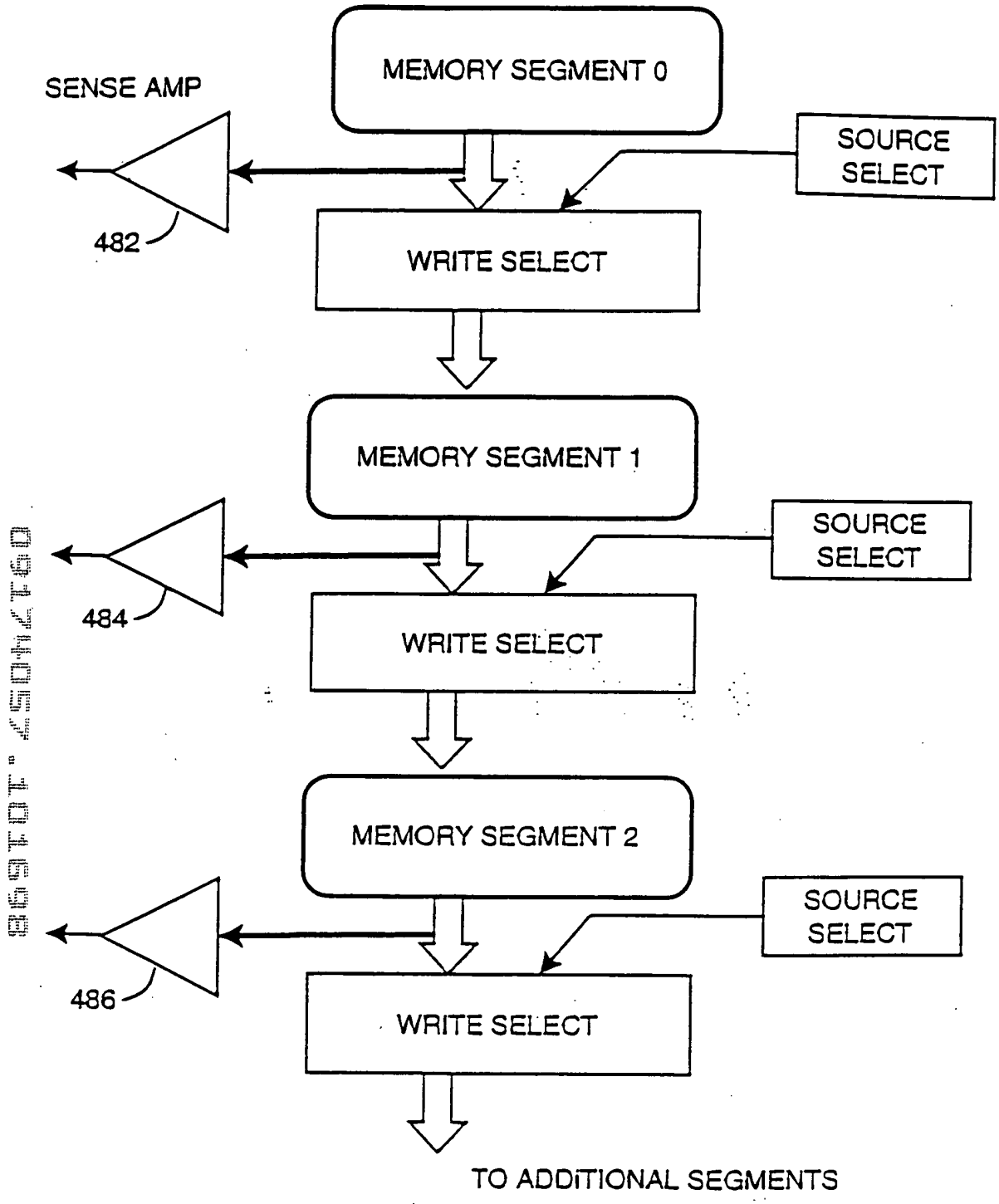
MEMORY SEGMENT 0
SENSE AMP
SOURCE SELECT
482
WRITE SELECT
MEMORY SEGMENT 1
SOURCE SELECT
484
WRITE SELECT
MEMORY SEGMENT 2
SOURCE SELECT
486
WRITE SELECT
TO ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS

FIG. 15

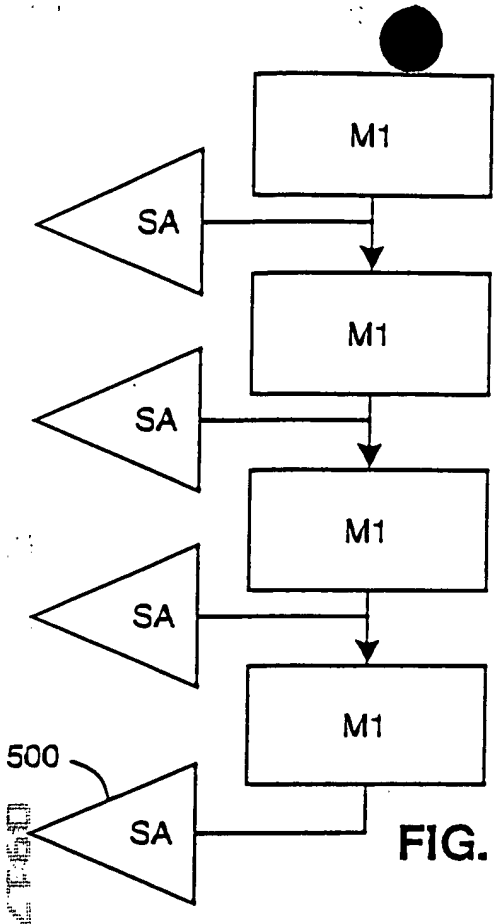

FIG. 16A

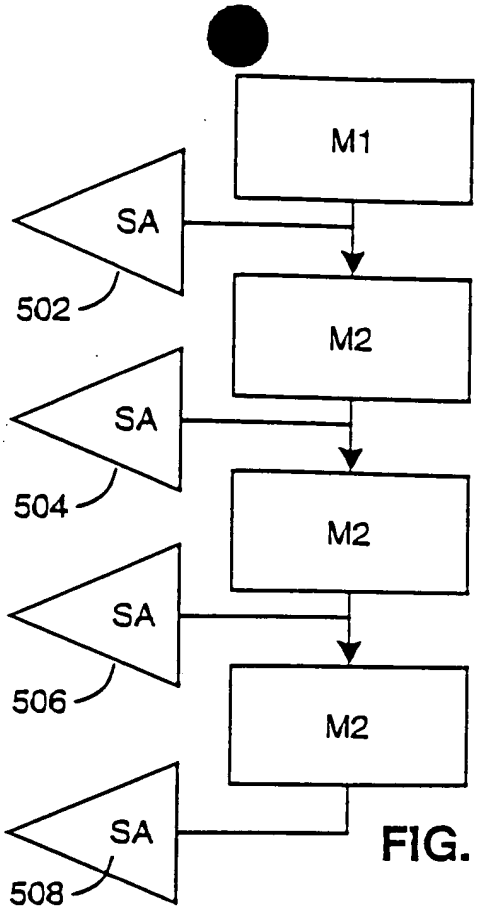

FIG. 16B

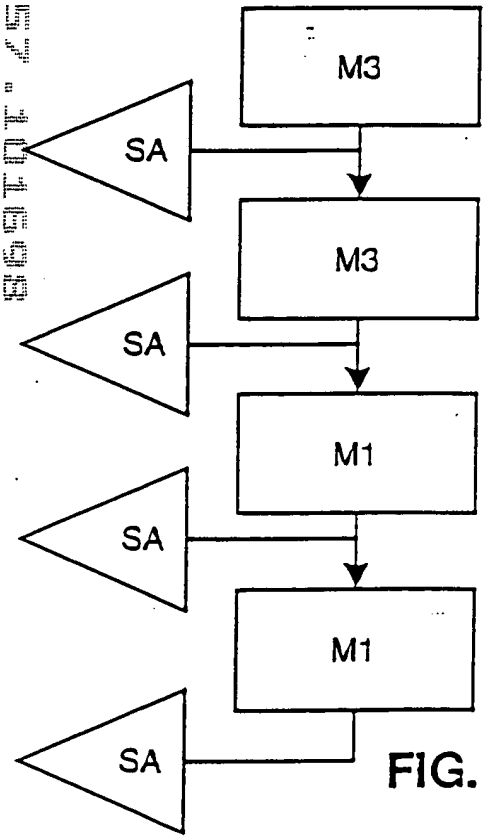

FIG. 16C

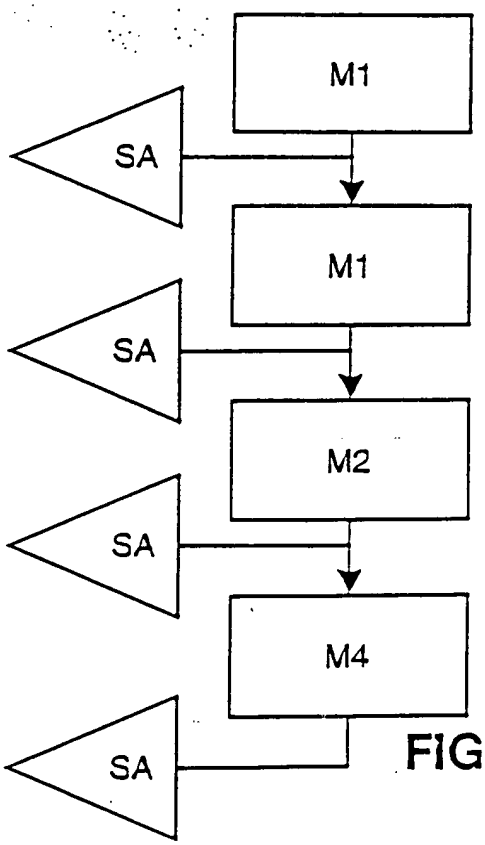

FIG. 16D

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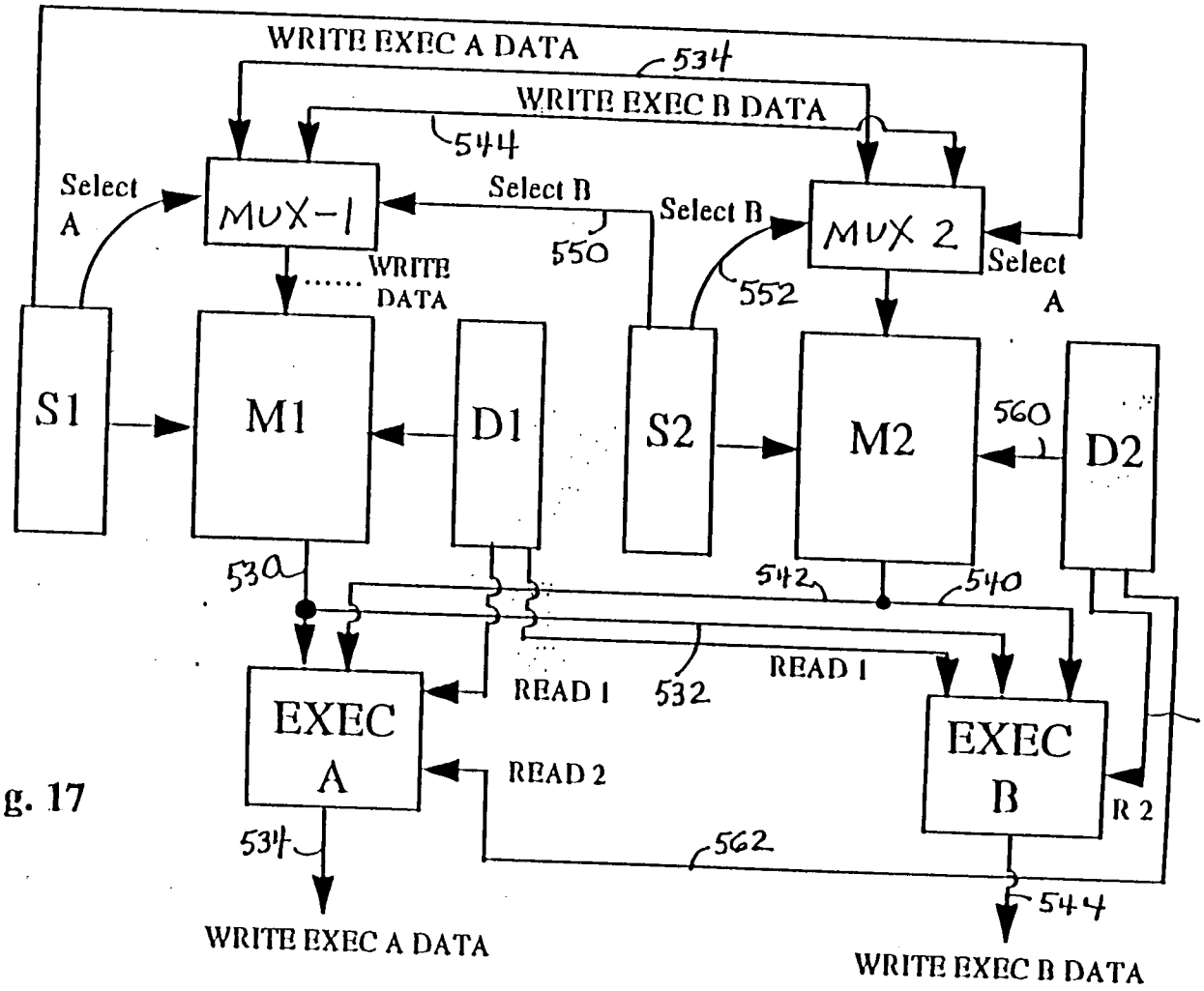

Fig. 17

Note:

Selection Tables in S1, D1, S2, and D2 contain read/write configurations

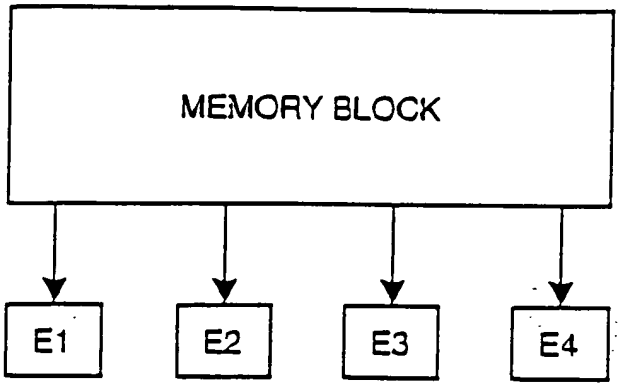

FIG. 18A

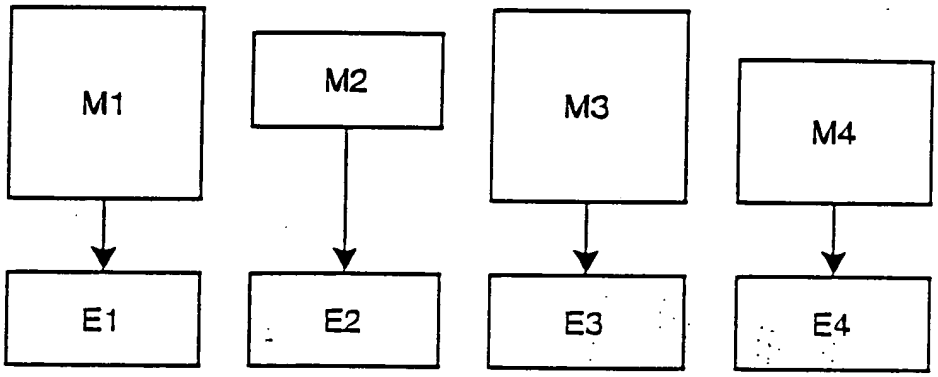

FIG. 18B

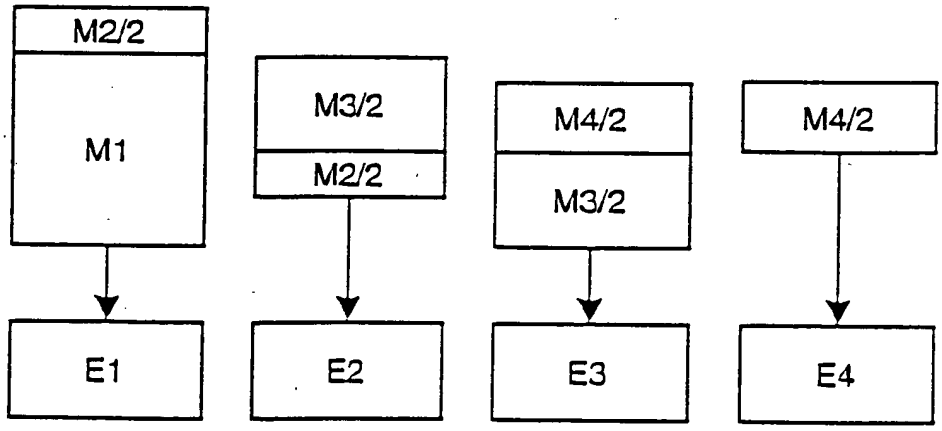

FIG. 18C

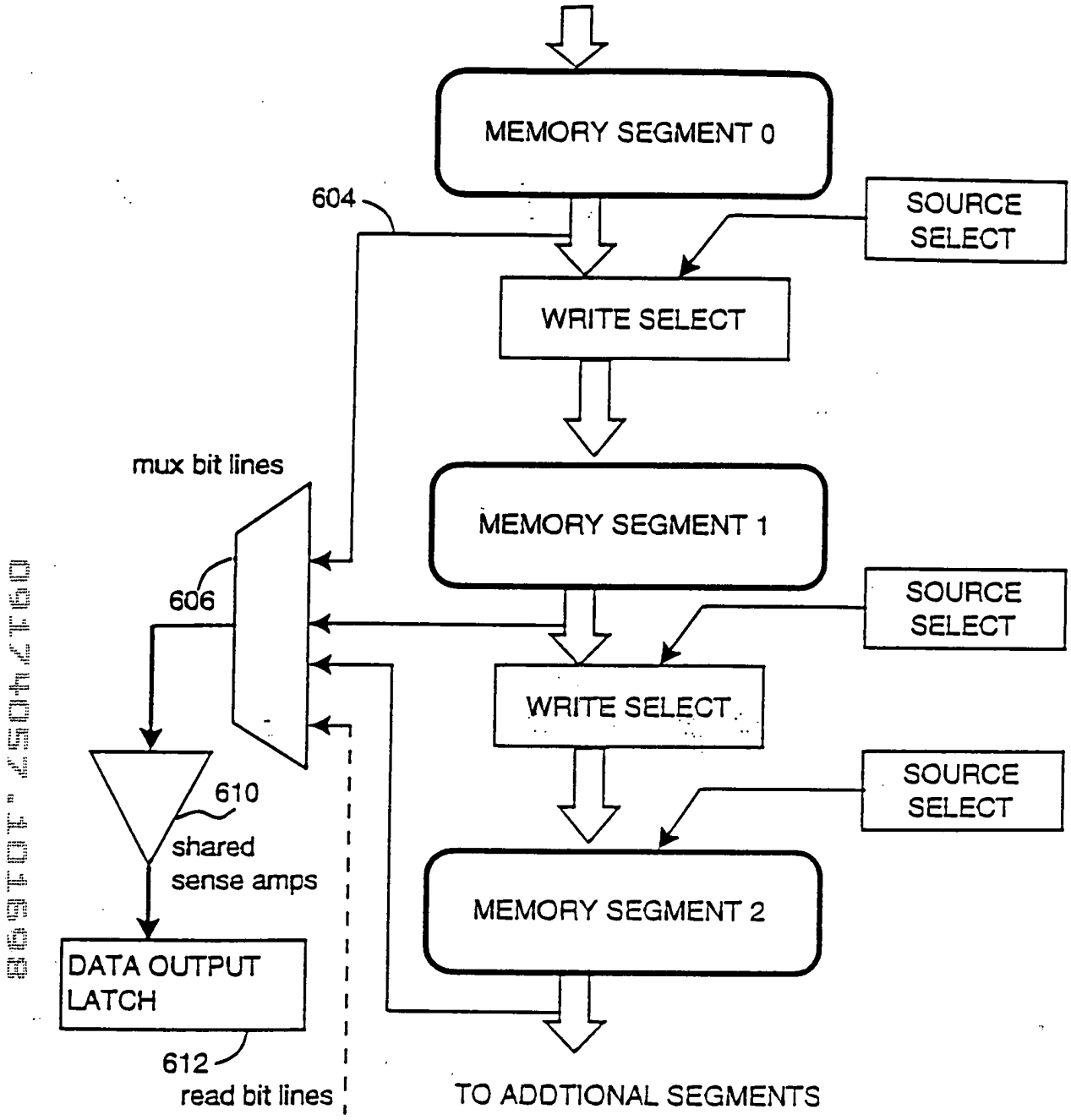
MEMORY SEGMENT 0
604
SOURCE SELECT
WRITE SELECT
mux bit lines
MEMORY SEGMENT 1
606
SOURCE SELECT
WRITE SELECT
SOURCE SELECT
610
shared sense amps
MEMORY SEGMENT 2
DATA OUTPUT LATCH
612
read bit lines
TO ADDTIONAL SEGMENTS

FIG. 19

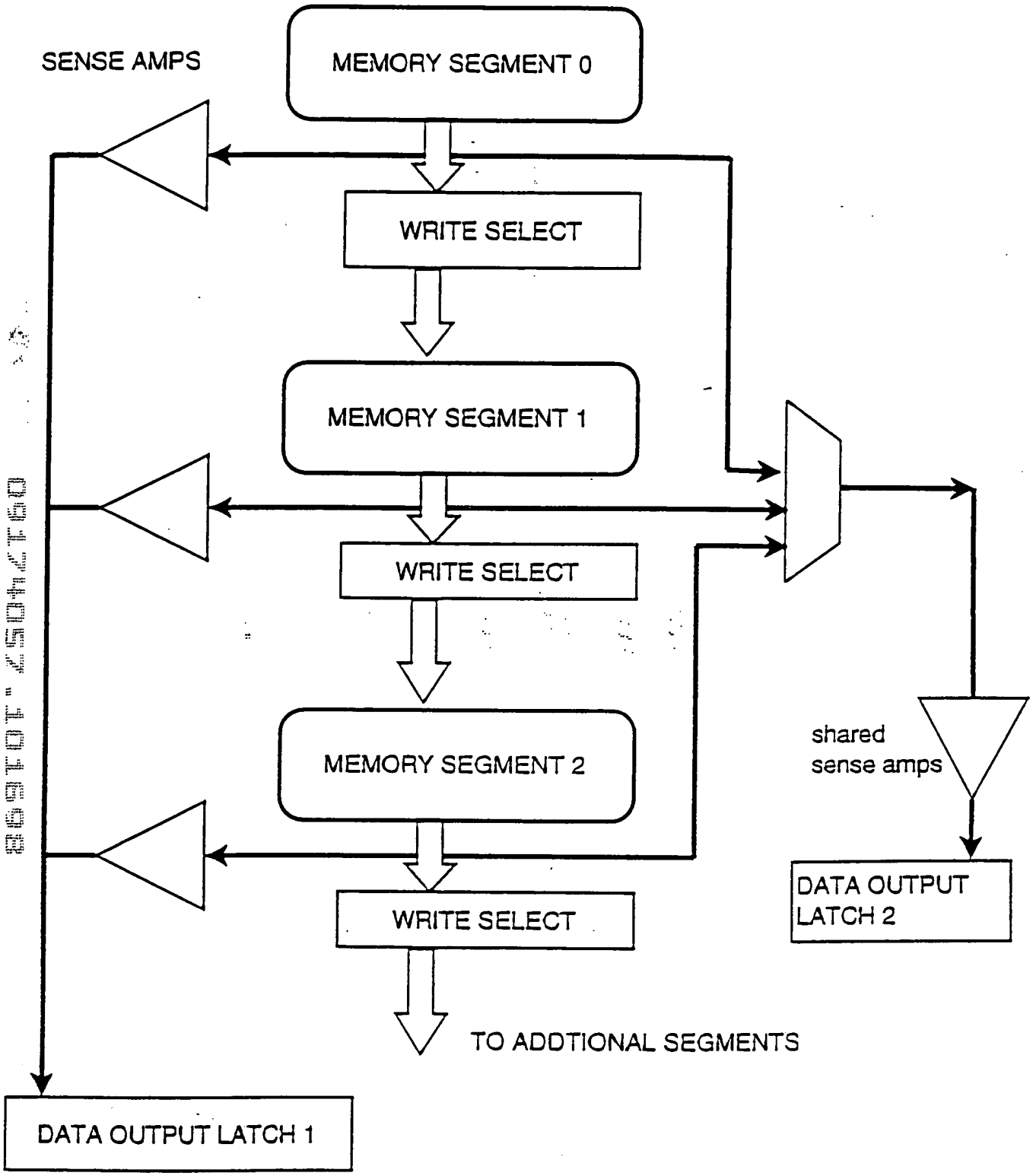
SENSE AMPS
MEMORY SEGMENT 0
WRITE SELECT
MEMORY SEGMENT 1
WRITE SELECT
MEMORY SEGMENT 2
WRITE SELECT
shared
sense amps
DATA OUTPUT
LATCH 2
TO ADDTIONAL SEGMENTS
DATA OUTPUT LATCH 1

FIG. 20

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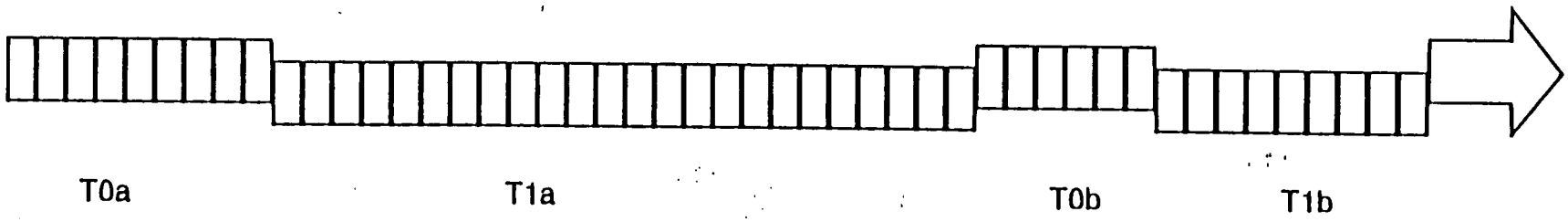

FIG. 21

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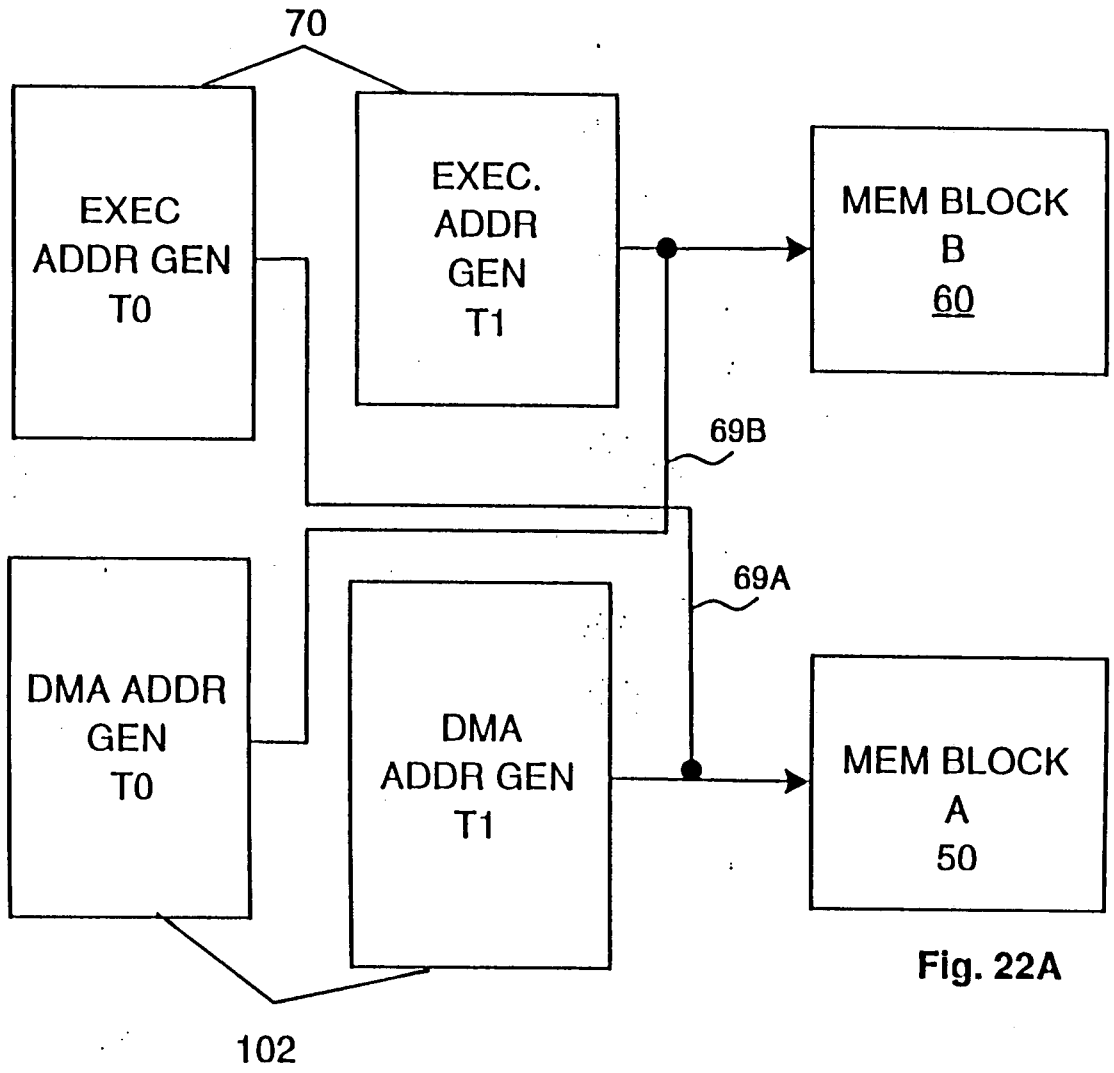

Fig. 22A

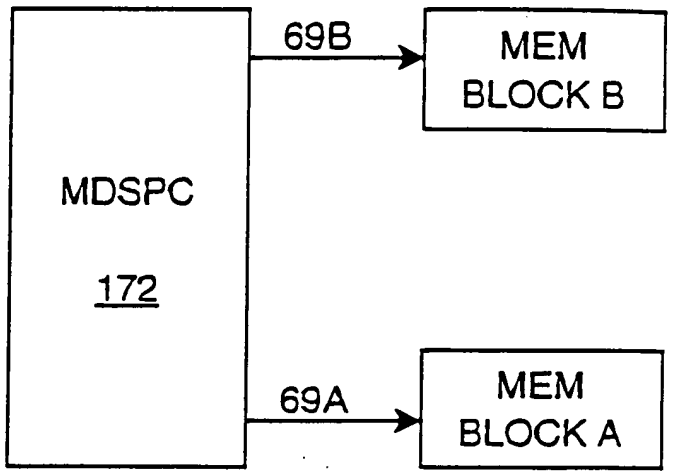

FIG. 22B

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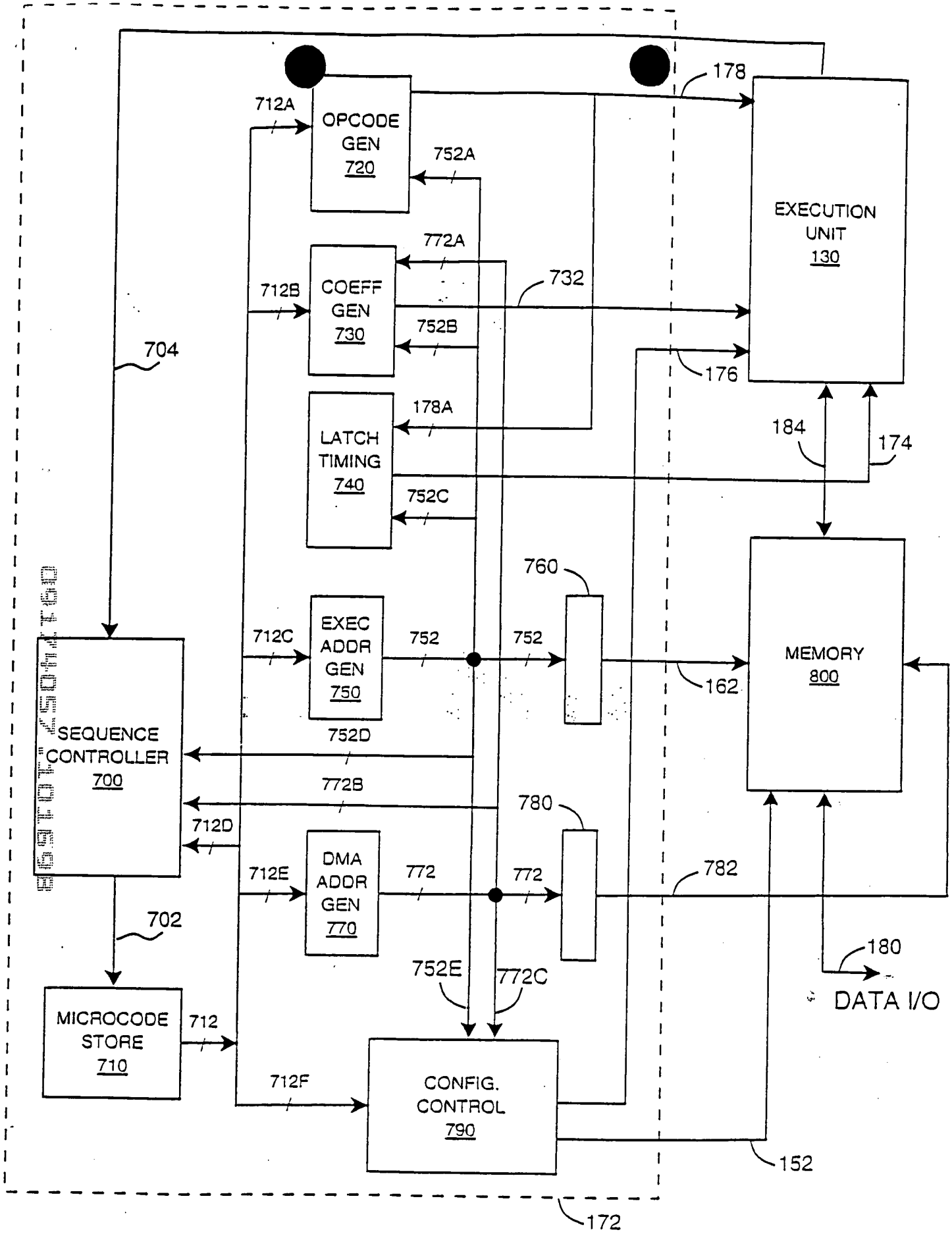

178
712A
OPCODE GEN 720
752A
EXECUTION UNIT 130
772A
712B
COEFF GEN 730
732
752B
704
176
178A
LATCH TIMING 740
184
174
752C
760
712C
EXEC ADDR GEN 750
752
752
MEMORY 800
162
SEQUENCE CONTROLLER 700
752D
772B
780
712D
712E
DMA ADDR GEN 770
772
772
782
702
180
DATA I/O
752E
772C
MICROCODE STORE 710
712
712F
CONFIG. CONTROL 790
152
172

FIG. 23A

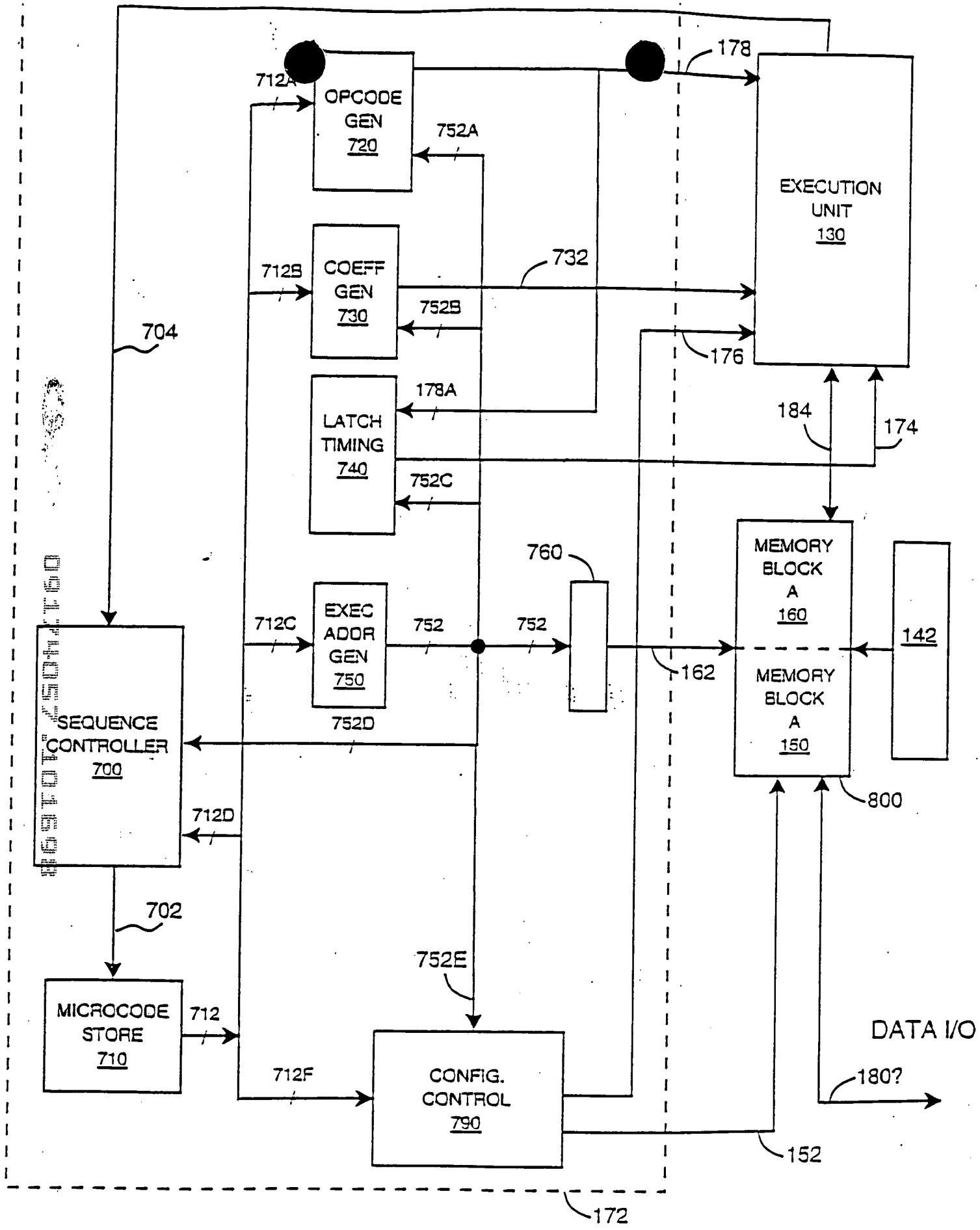

OPCODE GEN 720
712A
752A
178
EXECUTION UNIT 130
COEFF GEN 730
712B
732
752B
704
176
LATCH TIMING 740
178A
184
174
752C
MEMORY BLOCK A 160
760
EXEC ADDR GEN 750
712C
752
752
142
162
MEMORY BLOCK A 150
SEQUENCE CONTROLLER 700
752D
800
712D
702
752E
MICROCODE STORE 710
712
DATA I/O
712F
CONFIG. CONTROL 790
180?
152
172

FIG. 23B

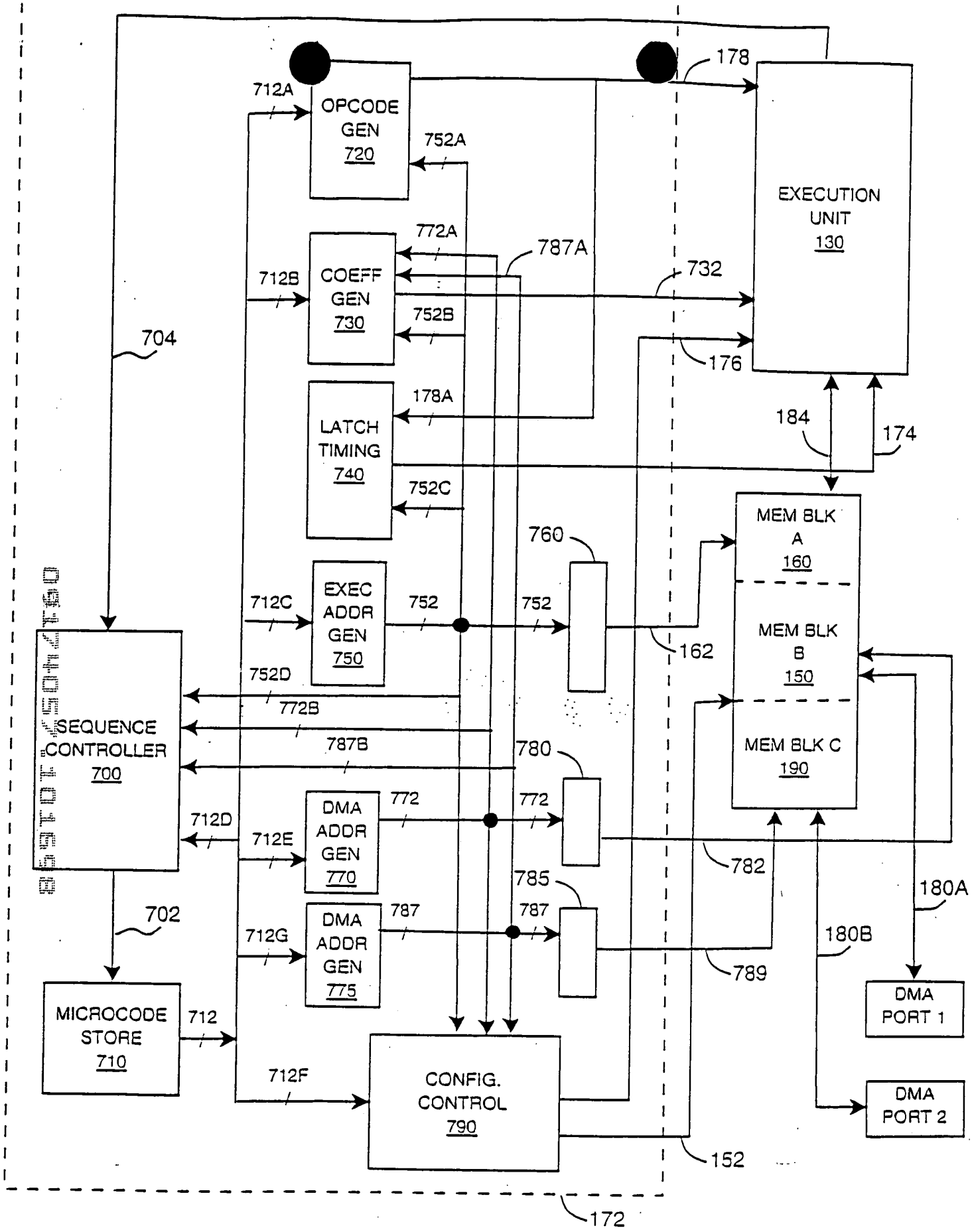

178
712A
OPCODE GEN 720
752A
EXECUTION UNIT 130
772A
787A
712B
COEFF GEN 730
732
752B
704
176
178A
LATCH TIMING 740
184
174
752C
MEM BLK A 160
760
712C
EXEC ADDR GEN 750
752
752
MEM BLK B 150
752D
772B
162
SEQUENCE CONTROLLER 700
787B
780
MEM BLK C 190
772
772
712D
712E
DMA ADDR GEN 770
782
785
180A
787
787
712G
DMA ADDR GEN 775
702
180B
789
MICROCODE STORE 710
712
DMA PORT 1
712F
CONFIG. CONTROL 790
DMA PORT 2
152
172

FIG. 23C

RESS	FUNCTION
0x710	FFT RADIX 2
0x905	FIR FILTER
0x2100	CONVOLUTION

FIG. 24A

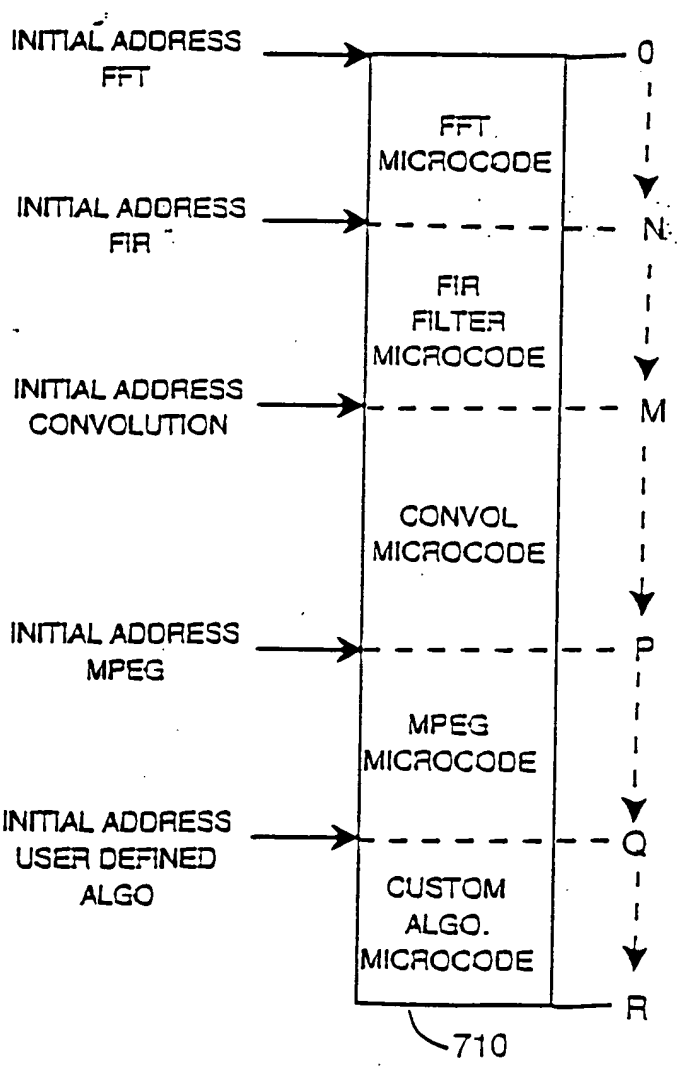


FIG. 24B

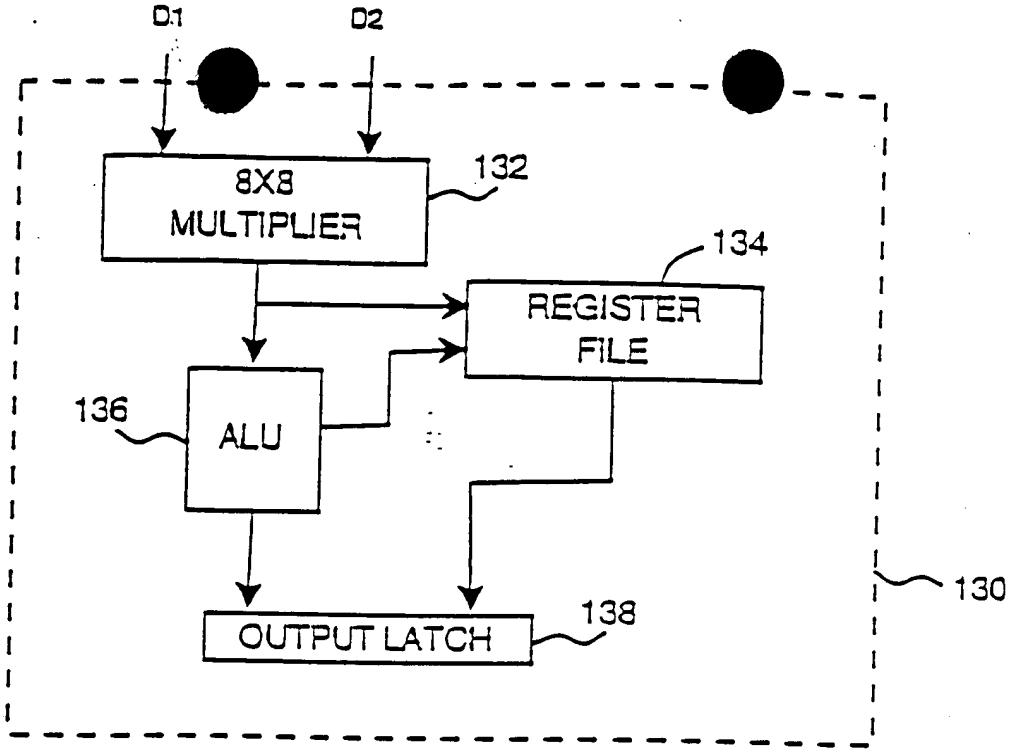
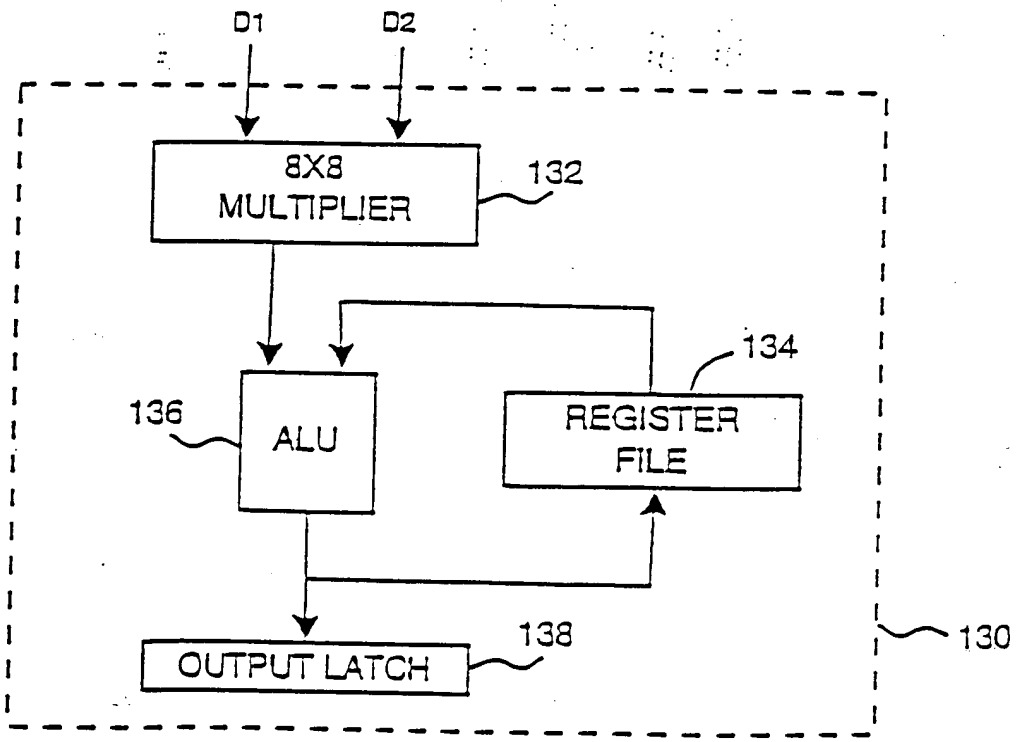

D1
D2
8X8
MULTIPLIER
132
134
REGISTER
FILE
136
ALU
130
OUTPUT LATCH
138

FIG. 25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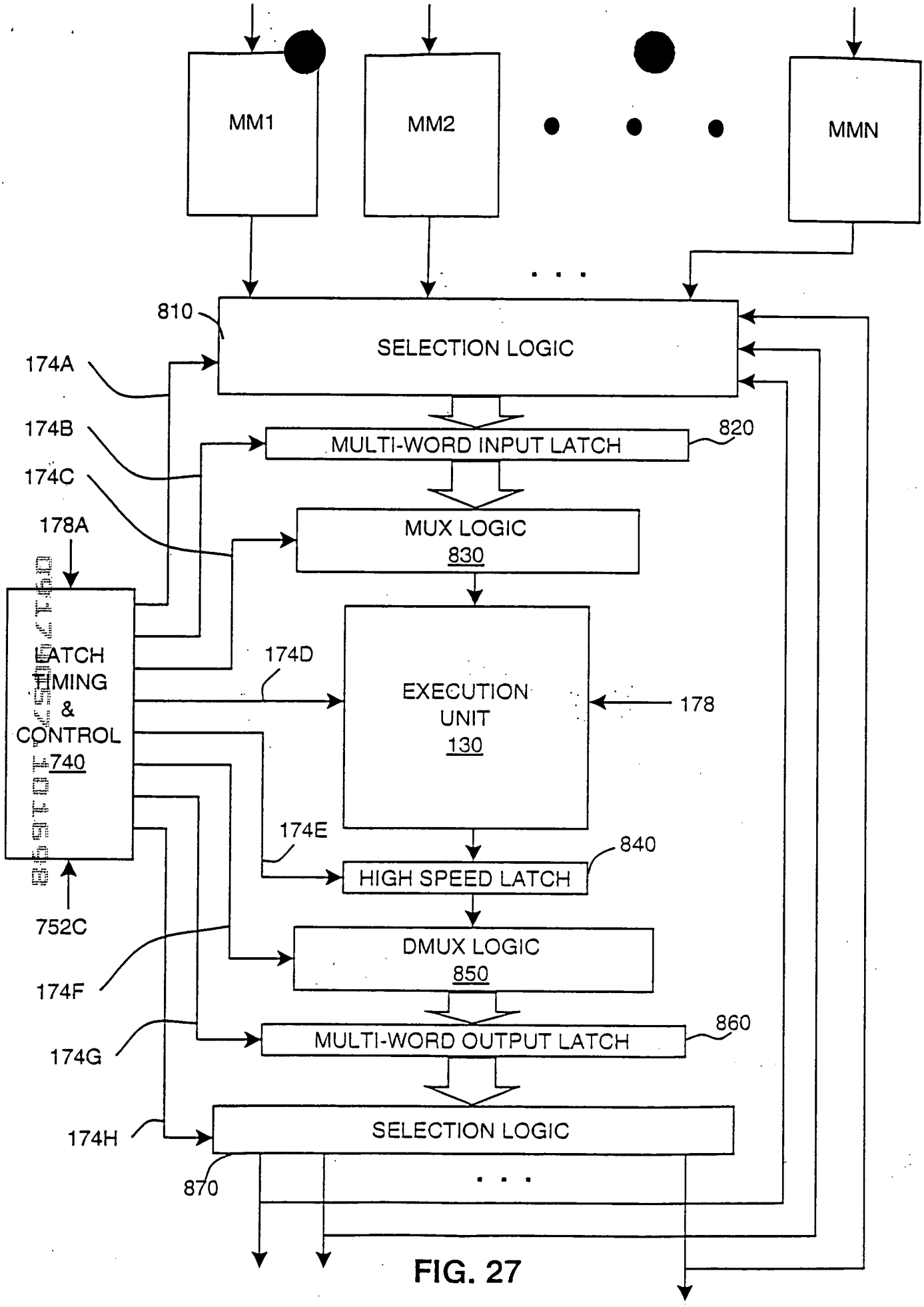
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EXECUTION UNIT
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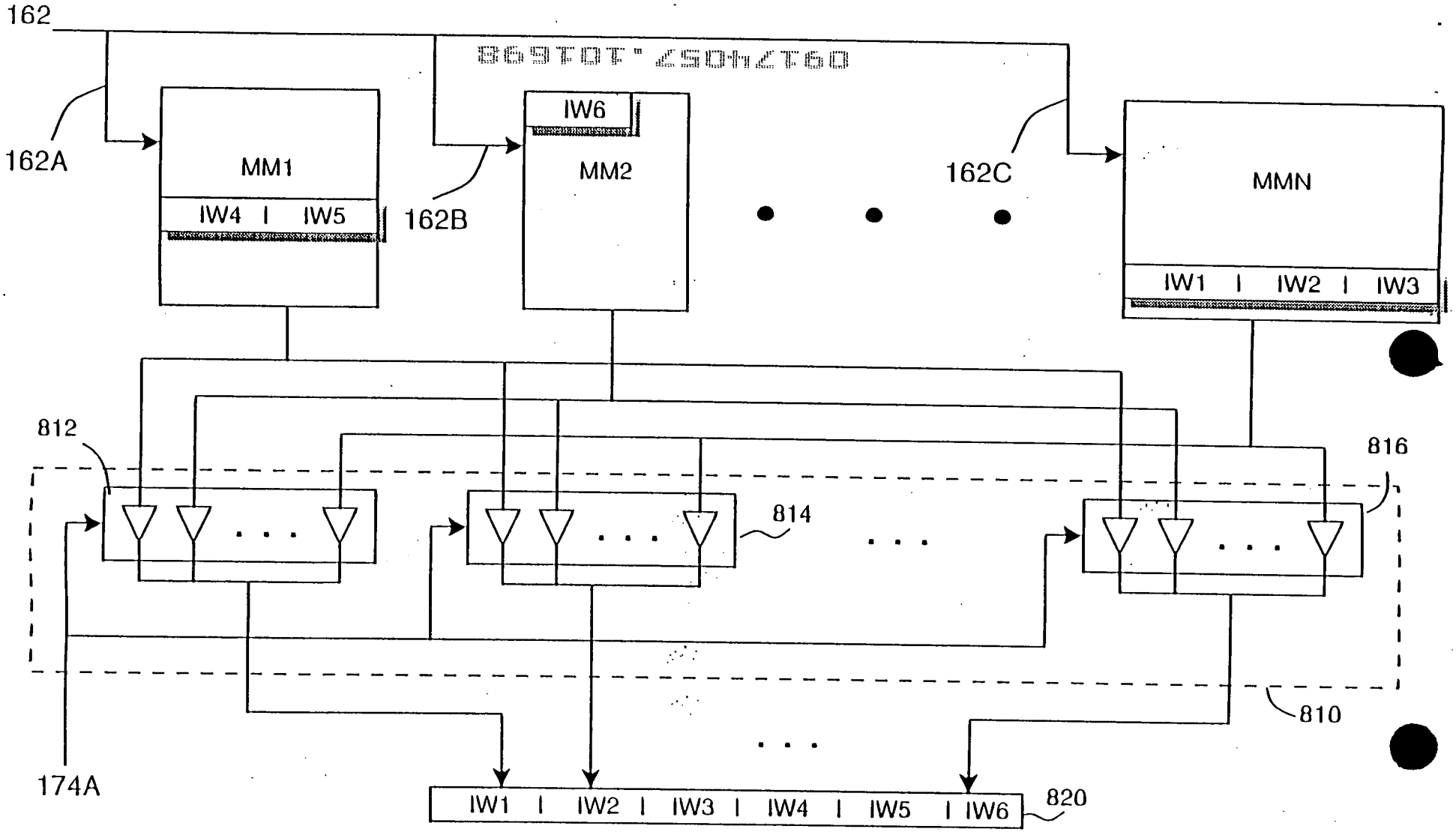
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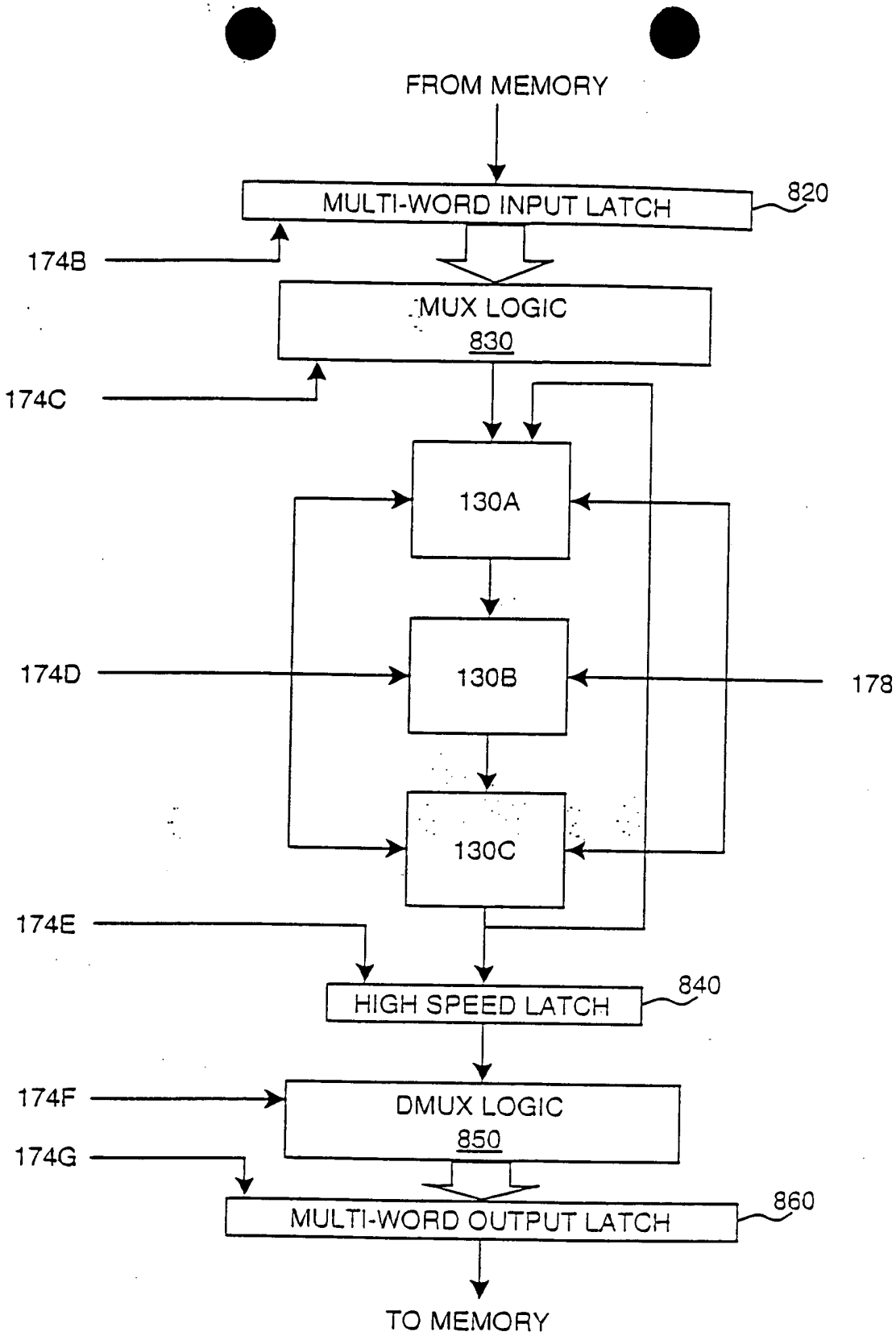
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FIG. 29

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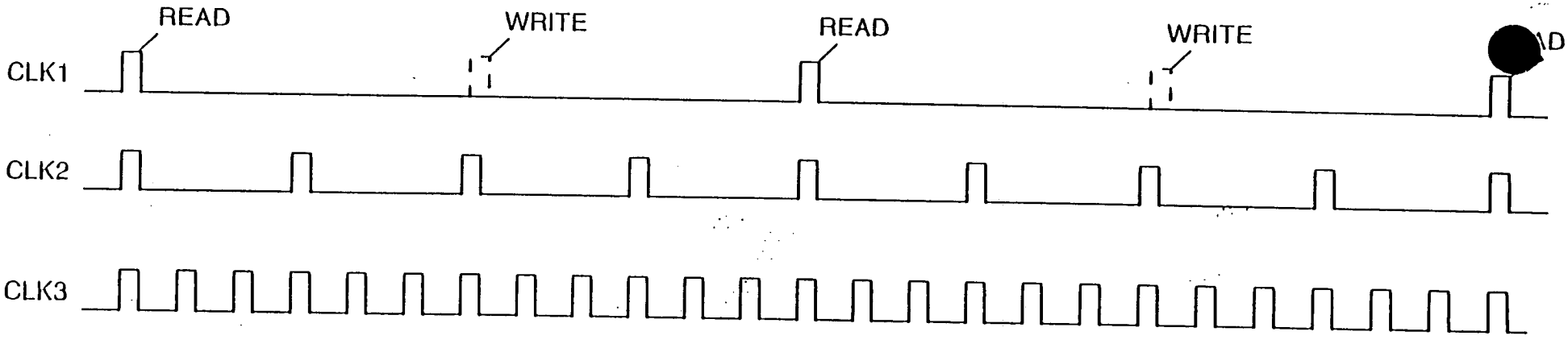

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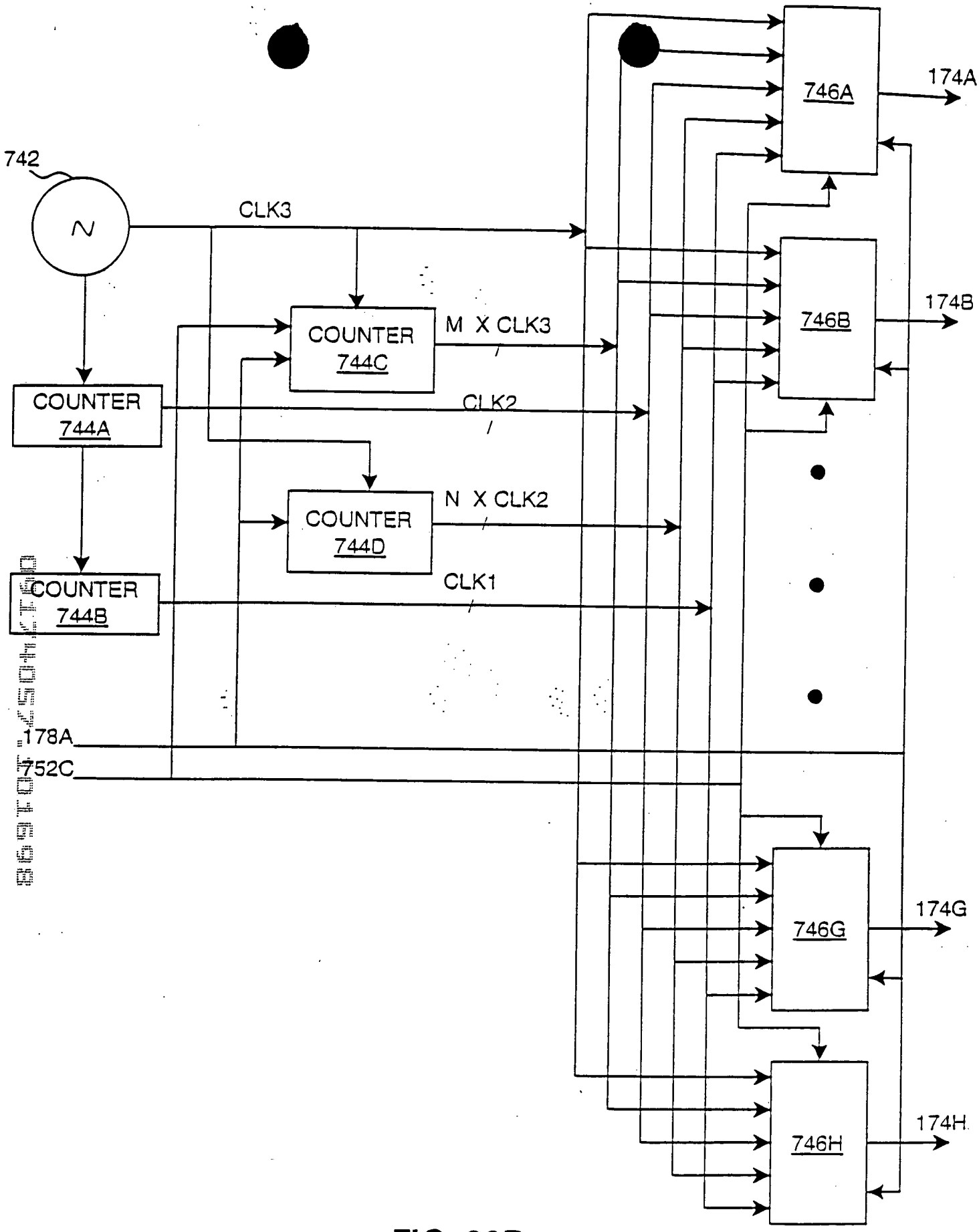
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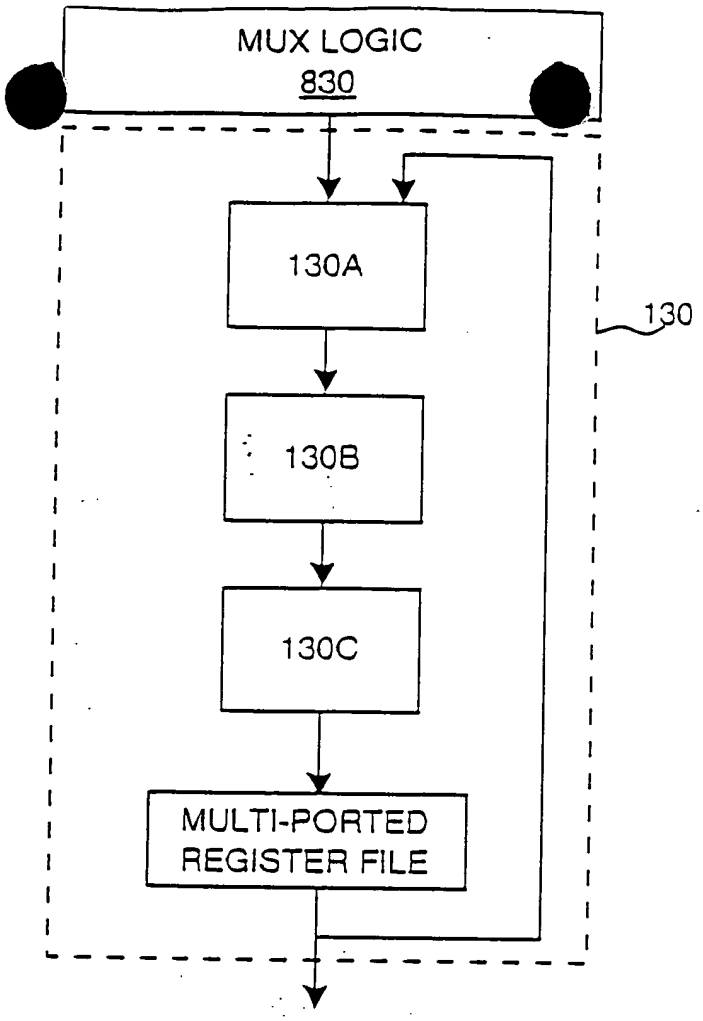

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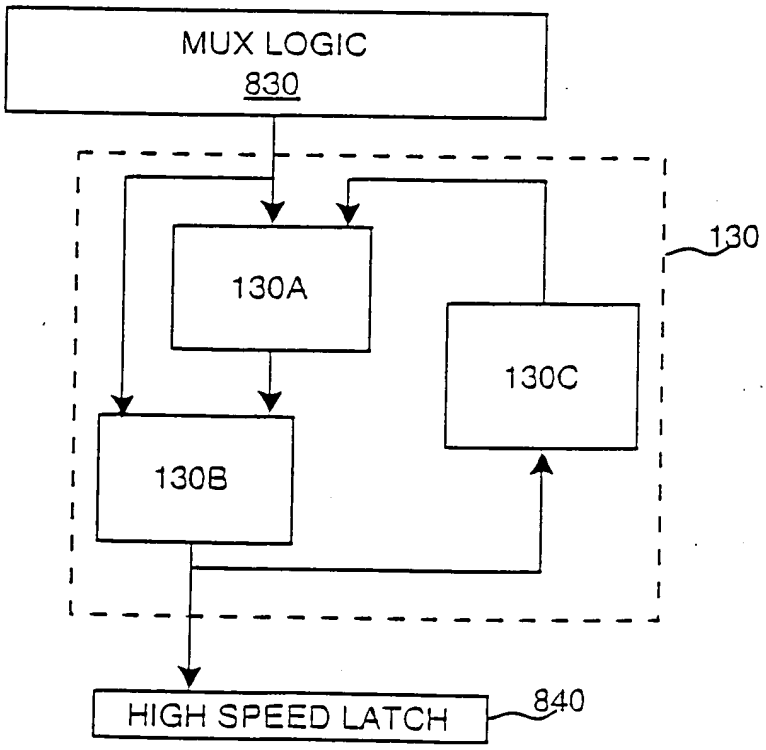

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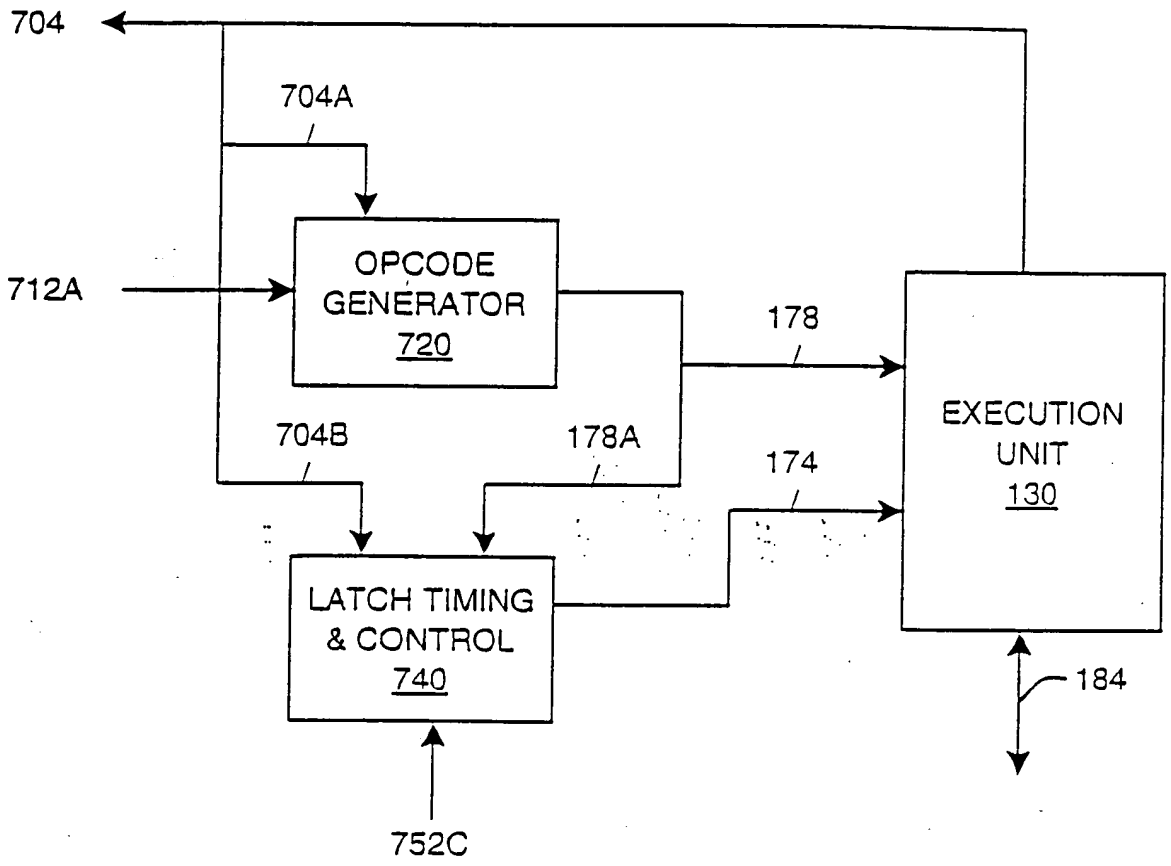
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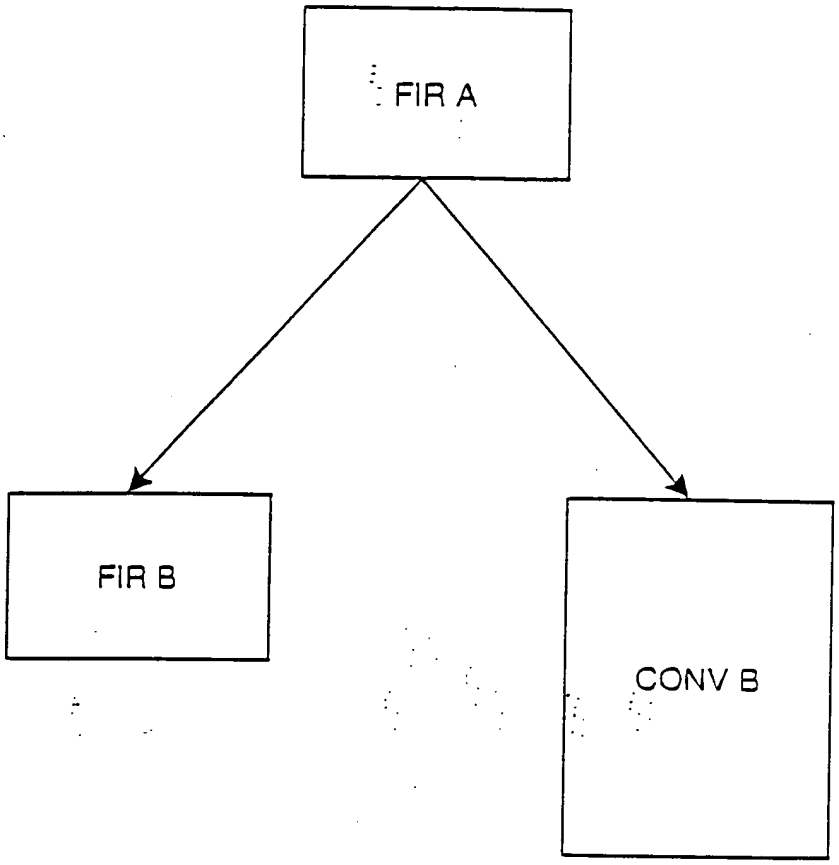

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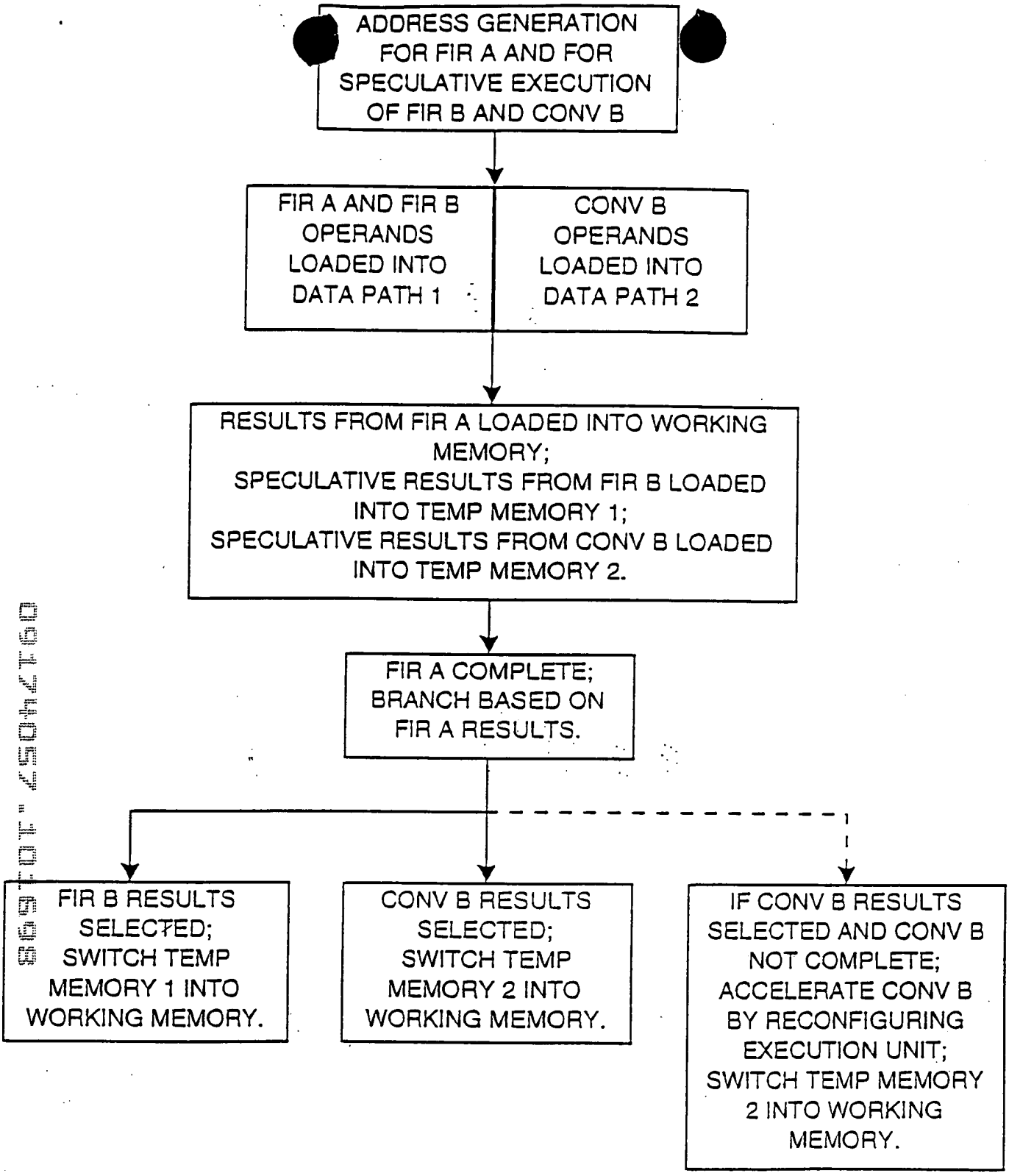
ADDRESS GENERATION FOR FIR A AND FOR SPECULATIVE EXECUTION OF FIR B AND CONV B
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CONV B OPERANDS LOADED INTO DATA PATH 2
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FIR A COMPLETE; BRANCH BASED ON FIR A RESULTS.
FIR B RESULTS SELECTED; SWITCH TEMP MEMORY 1 INTO WORKING MEMORY.
CONV B RESULTS SELECTED; SWITCH TEMP MEMORY 2 INTO WORKING MEMORY.
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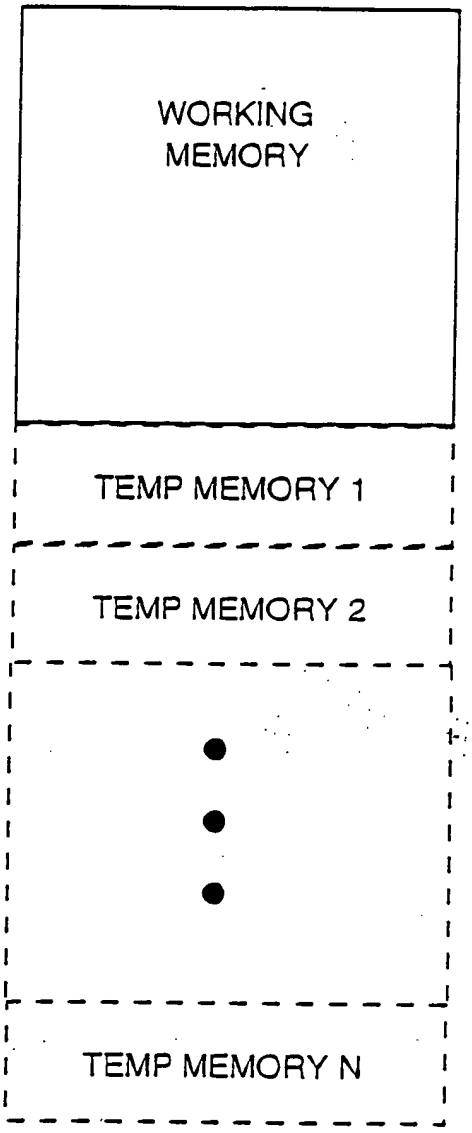

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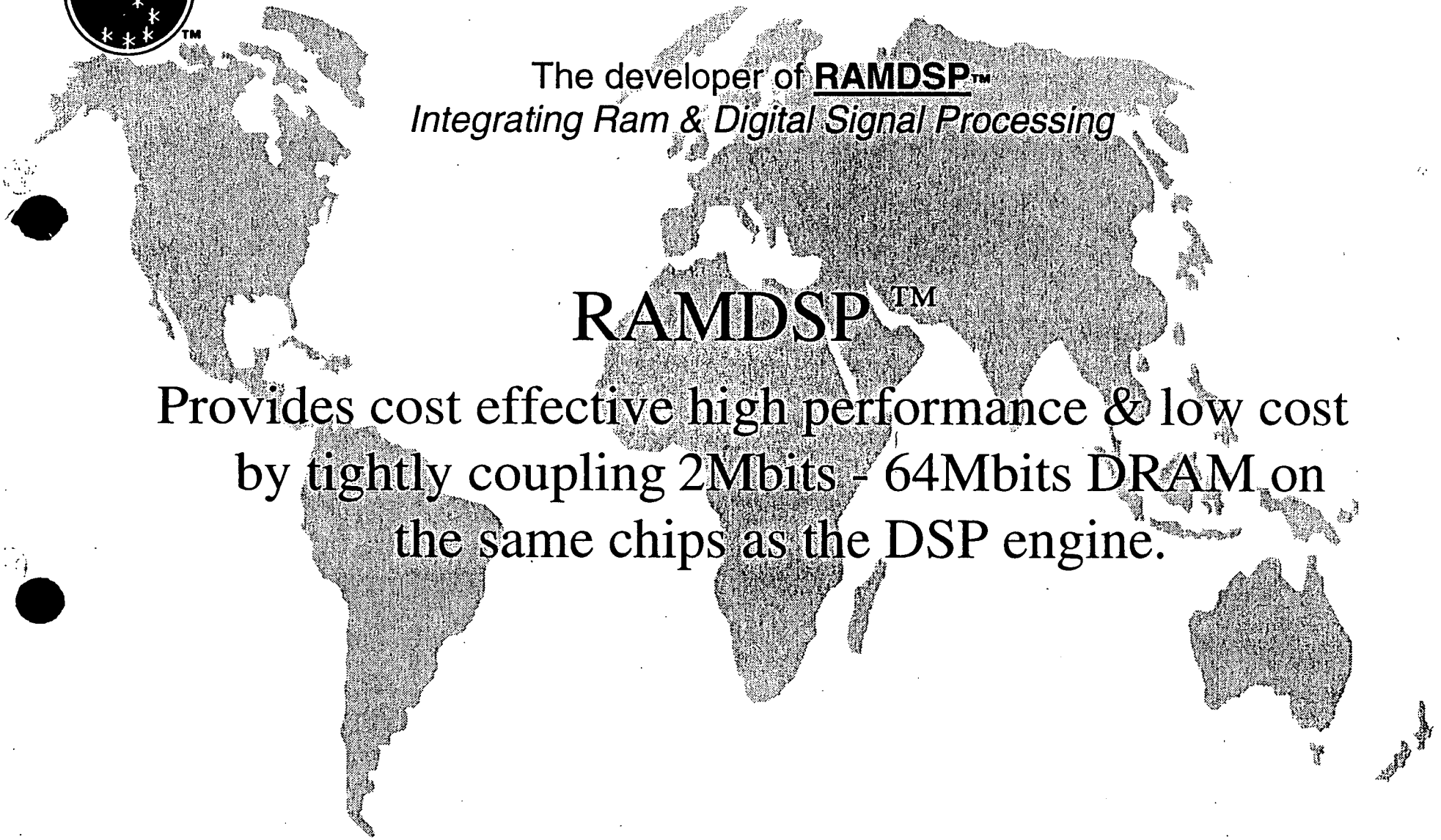

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RAMDSP ™

Provides cost effective high performance & low cost by tightly coupling 2Mbits - 64Mbits DRAM on the same chips as the DSP engine.

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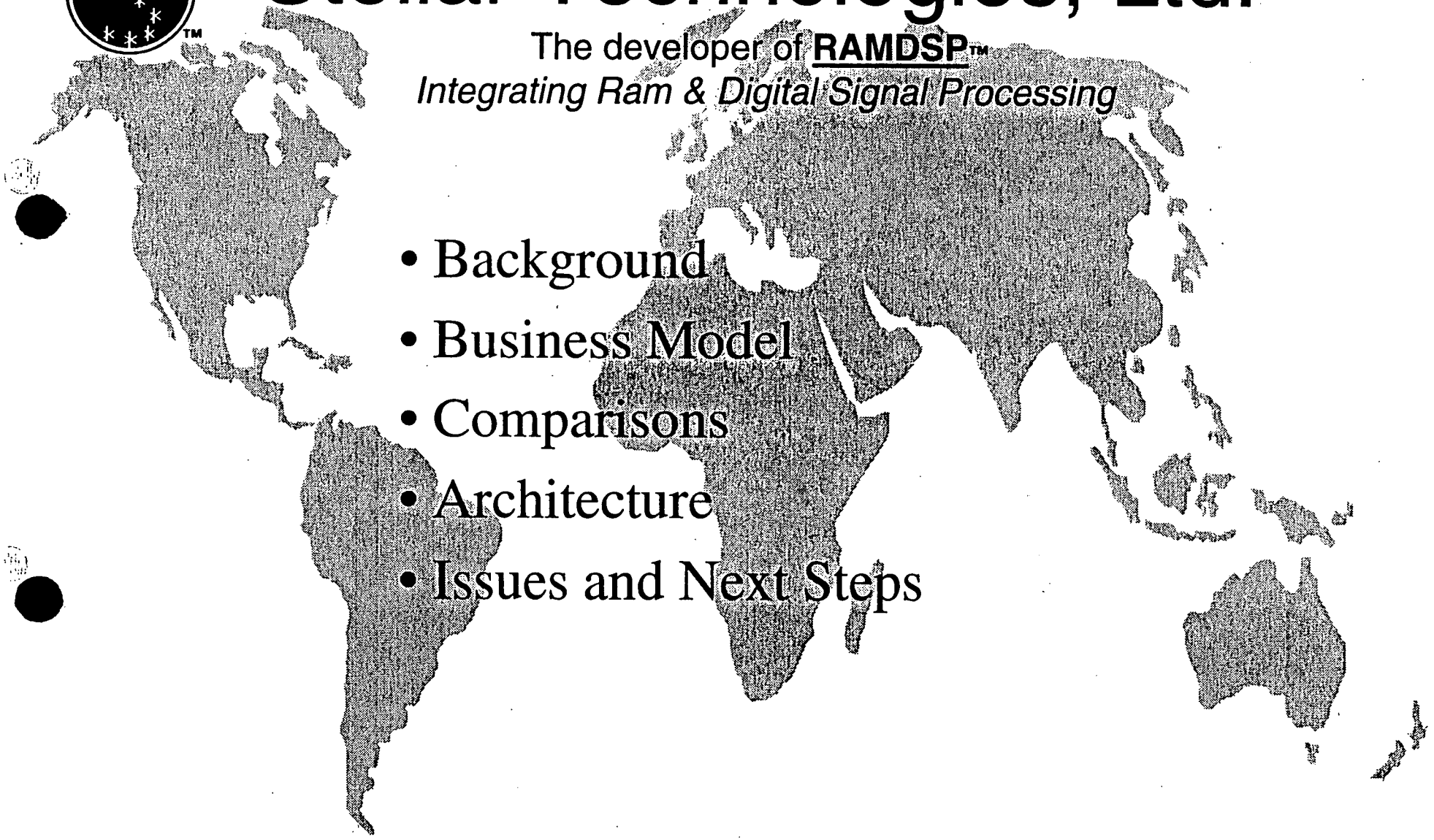

- Background
- Business Model
- Comparisons
- Architecture
- Issues and Next Steps

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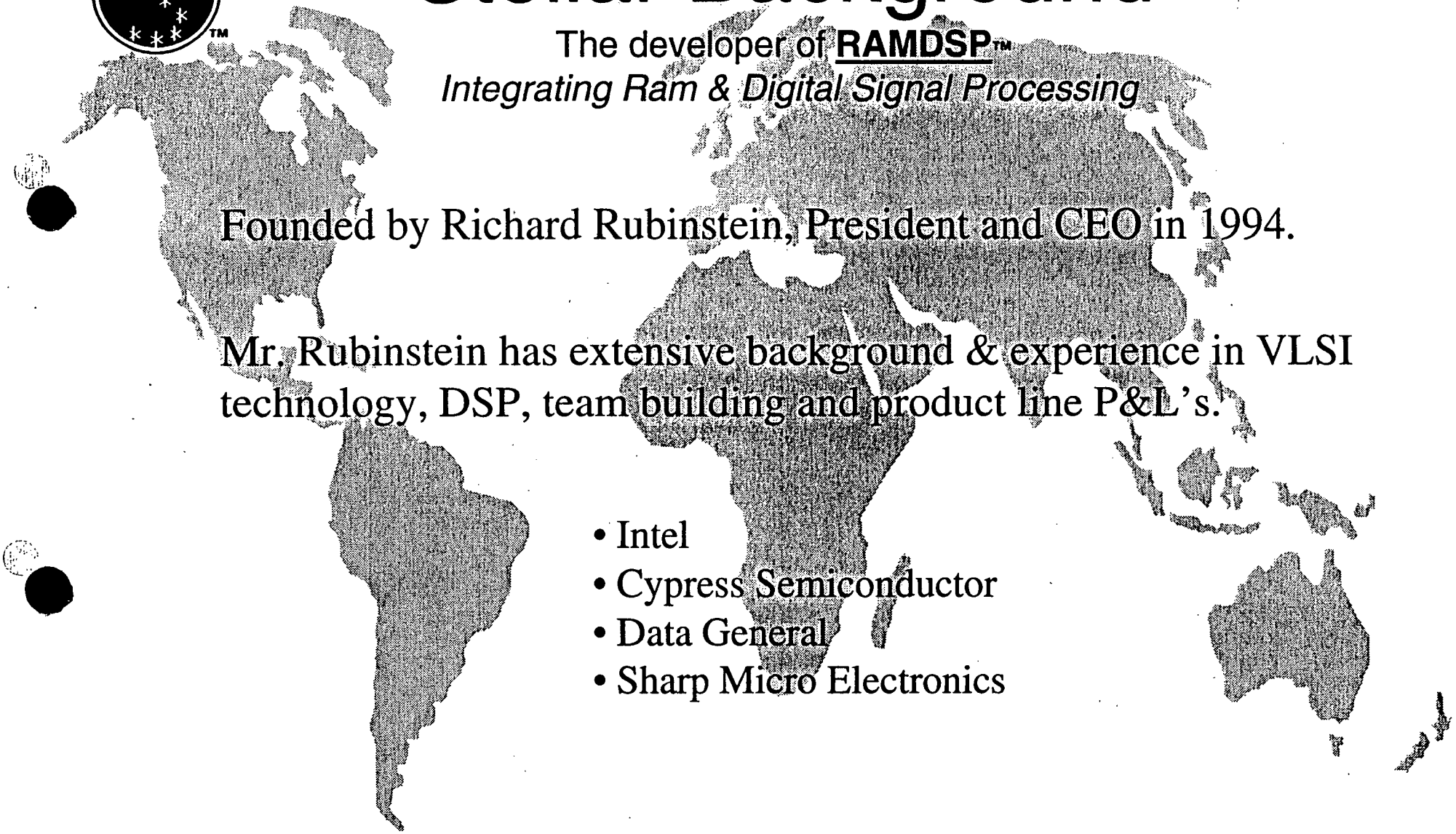

Founded by Richard Rubinstein, President and CEO in 1994.

Mr. Rubinstein has extensive background & experience in VLSI technology, DSP, team building and product line P&L's.

- Intel
- Cypress Semiconductor
- Data General
- Sharp Micro Electronics

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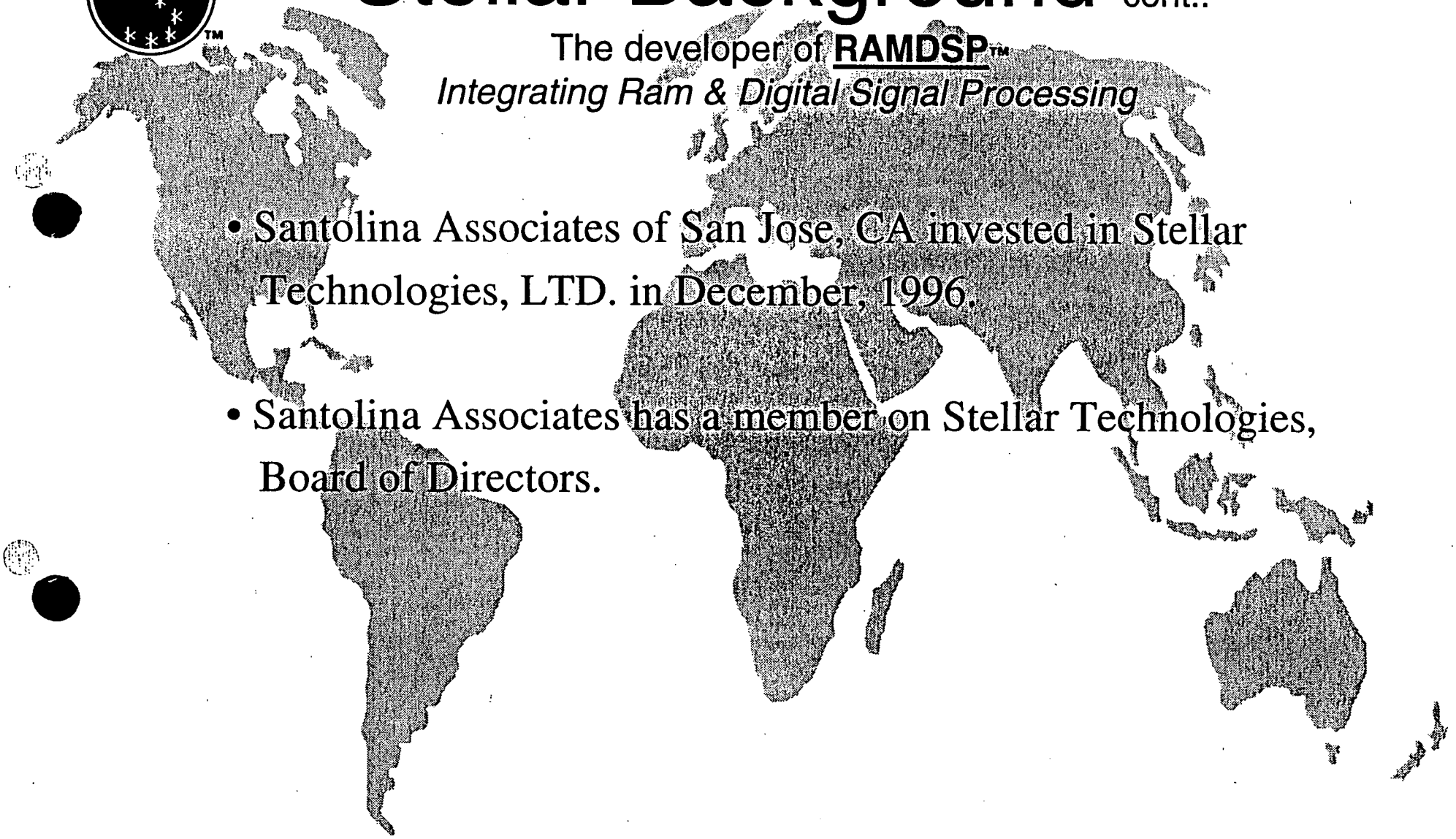

- Santolina Associates of San Jose, CA invested in Stellar Technologies, LTD. in December, 1996.
- Santolina Associates has a member on Stellar Technologies, Board of Directors.

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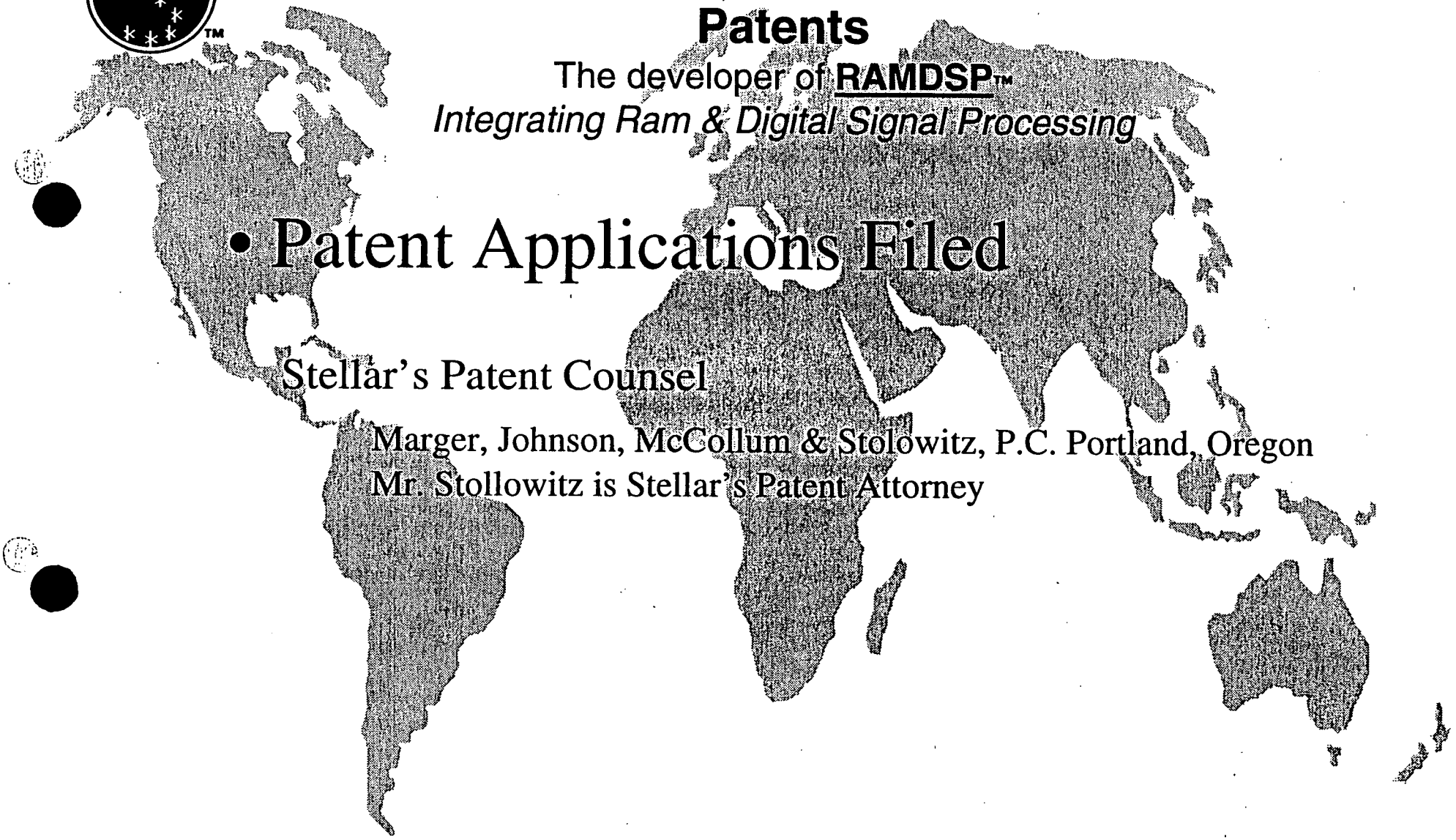

- Patent Applications Filed

Stellar's Patent Counsel

Marger, Johnson, McCollum & Stolowitz, P.C. Portland, Oregon

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DRAM Product Focus

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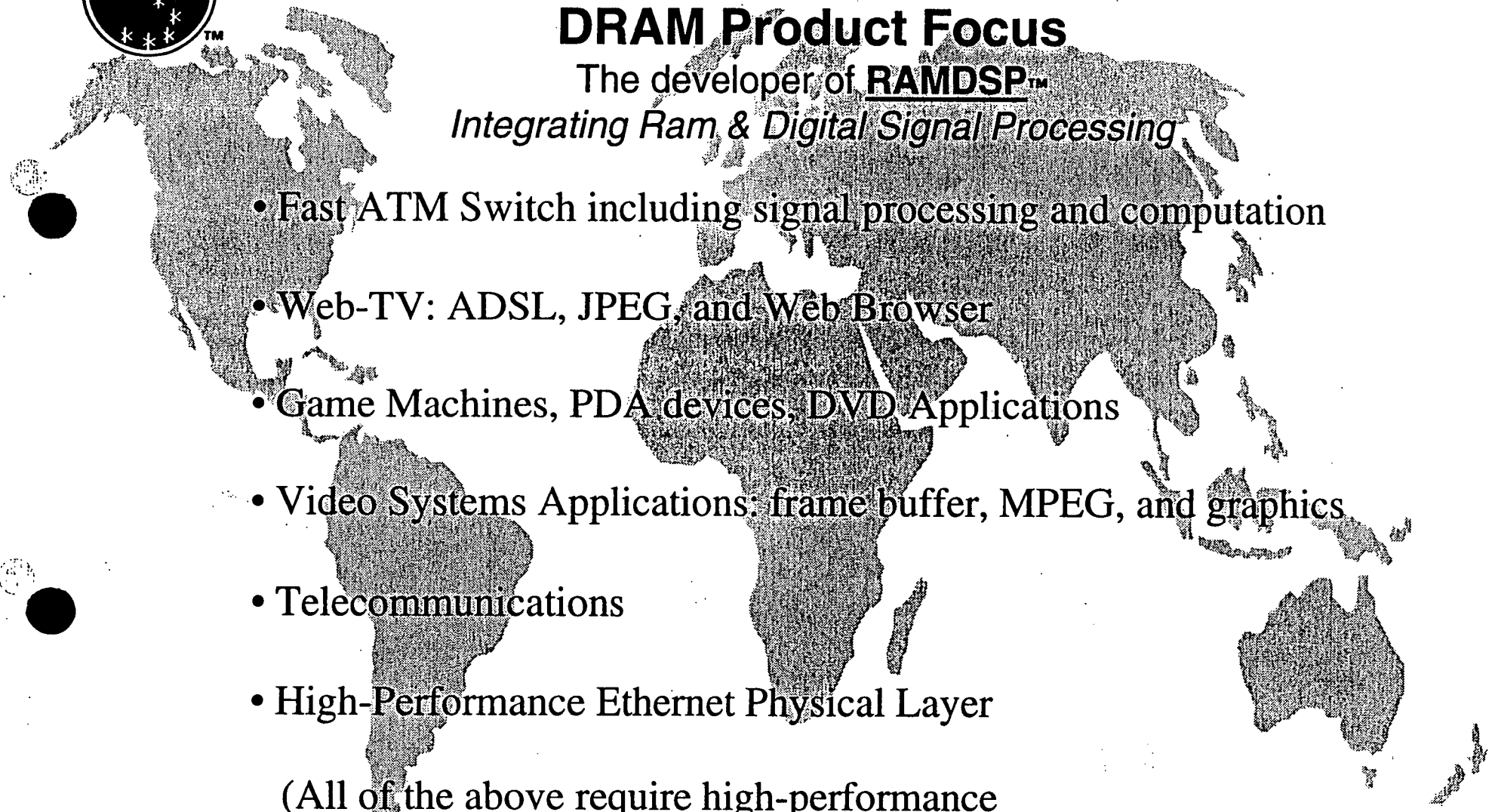

- Fast ATM Switch including signal processing and computation
- Web-TV: ADSL, JPEG, and Web Browser
- Game Machines, PDA devices, DVD Applications
- Video Systems Applications: frame buffer, MPEG, and graphics
- Telecommunications
- High-Performance Ethernet Physical Layer

(All of the above require high-performance and substantial amounts of DRAM)

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Potential Micron / Stellar Business Relationships

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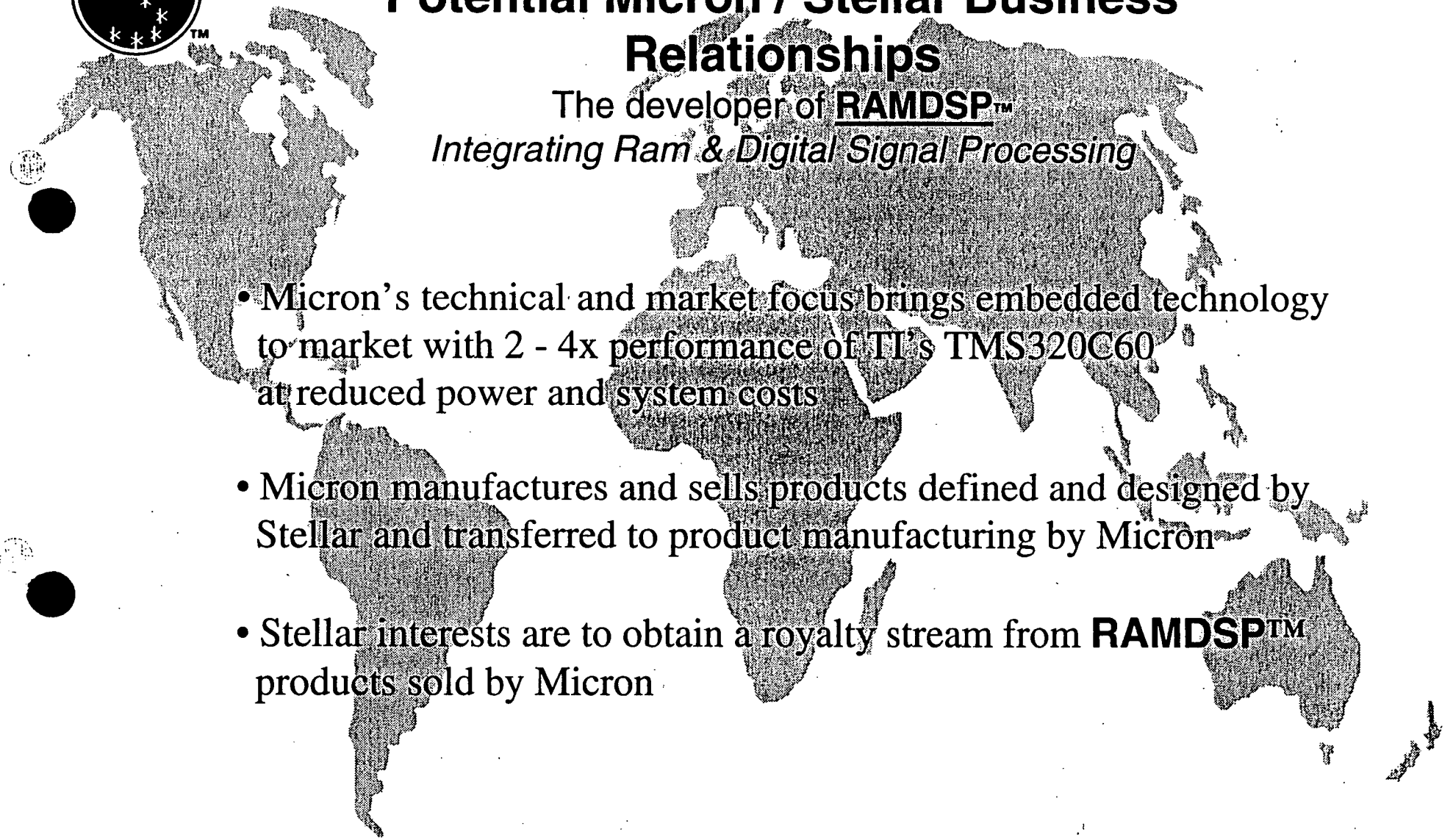

- Micron's technical and market focus brings embedded technology to market with 2 - 4x performance of TI's TMS320C60 at reduced power and system costs
- Micron manufactures and sells products defined and designed by Stellar and transferred to product manufacturing by Micron
- Stellar interests are to obtain a royalty stream from **RAMDSP™** products sold by Micron

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Potential Micron / Stellar Business Relationships

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Stellar provides **RAMDSP™** silicon design and software to support high-performance, low-power, low-cost DRAM applications.

- **RAMDSP™** may function as DSP accelerator working in conjunction with a separate front-end controller, or
- **RAMDSP™** implements stand-alone applications that don't require a front-end controller.
- For either of the above, Stellar
  - designs with Micron's tools,
  - sells a license to Micron for **RAMDSP™** technology, and
  - obtains a royalty stream for designs and products sold.
- Stellar will train Micron engineers on **RAMDSP™** software tools and support custom DSP library development.

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Milestones and Costs

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- Q4/97 Functional Specification for MPEG Application
- Q1/98 Functional Simulator and Assembler $650,000.00
  - Architecture Specification for MPEG Application Complete
- Q2/98 Simulator and Behavioral RTL verified, $650,000.00
- Q1,Q2/98 MPEG Application and Market Development $450,000.00
- Q4/98 Software Tools plus MPEG port complete $1.6 million
- Q1/99 Prototype Silicon $3.5 million

(above funds prepay part of IP license and royalties)

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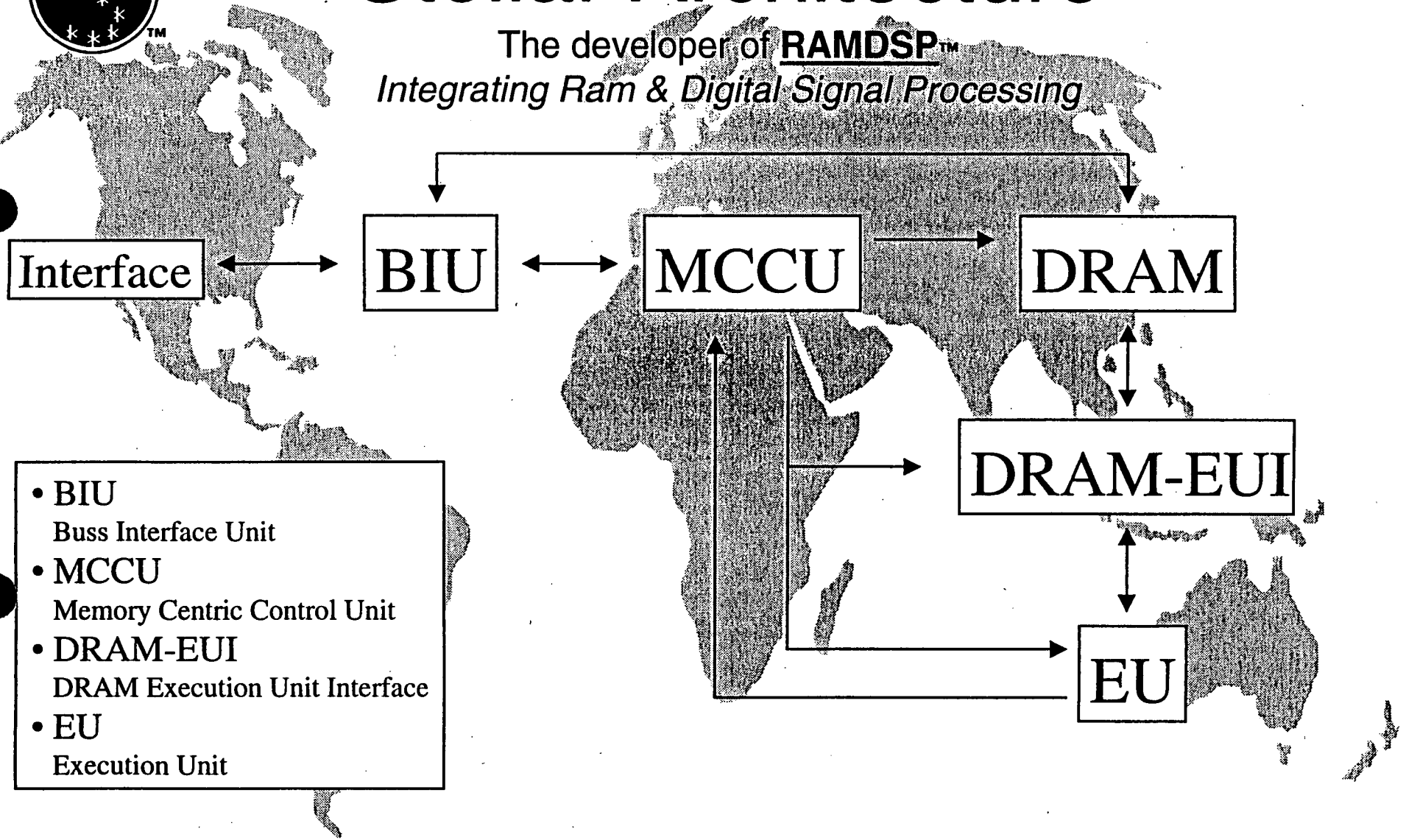

- BIU
  Buss Interface Unit
- MCCU
  Memory Centric Control Unit
- DRAM-EUI
  DRAM Execution Unit Interface
- EU
  Execution Unit

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Development Process

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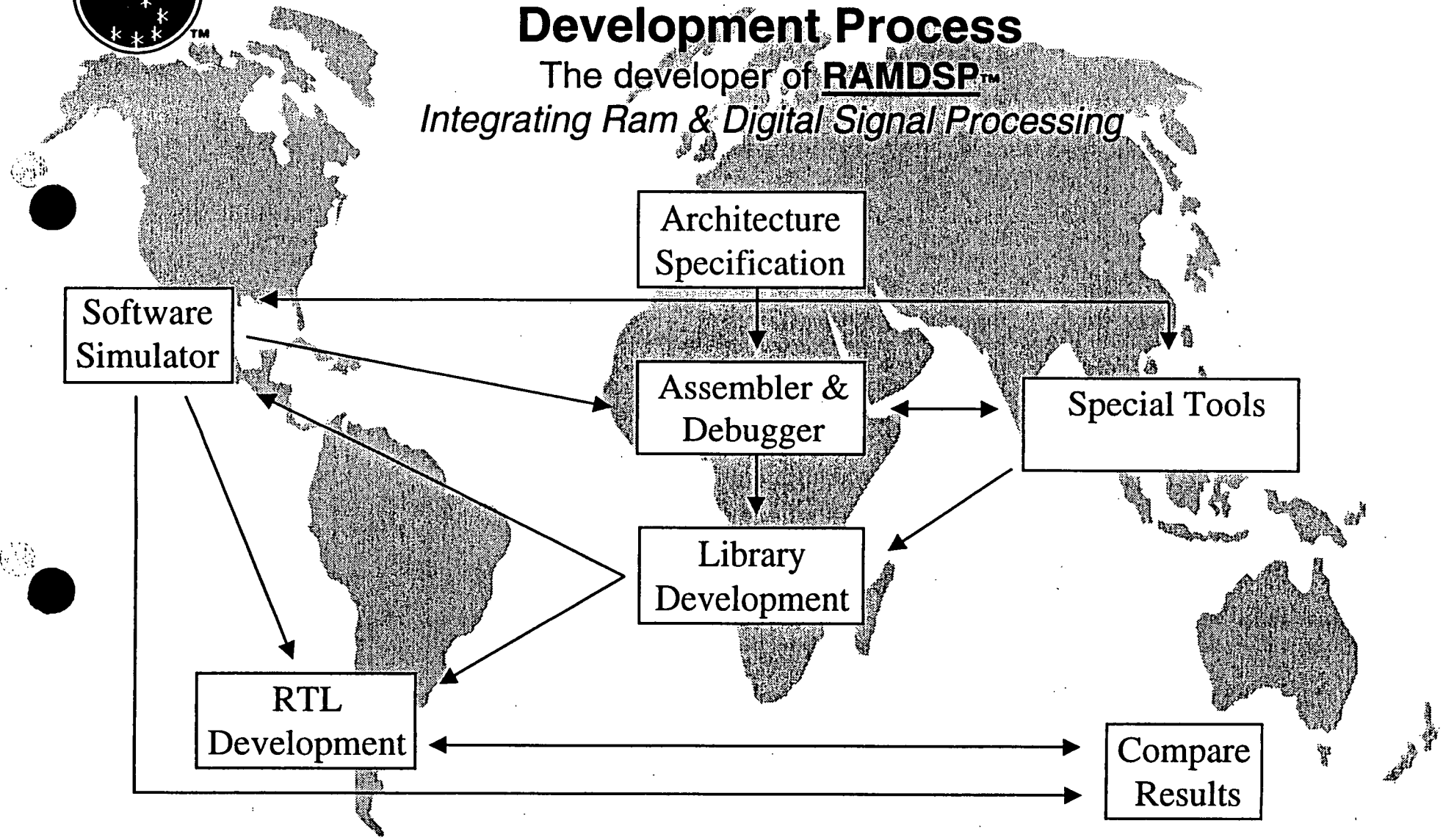

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Power

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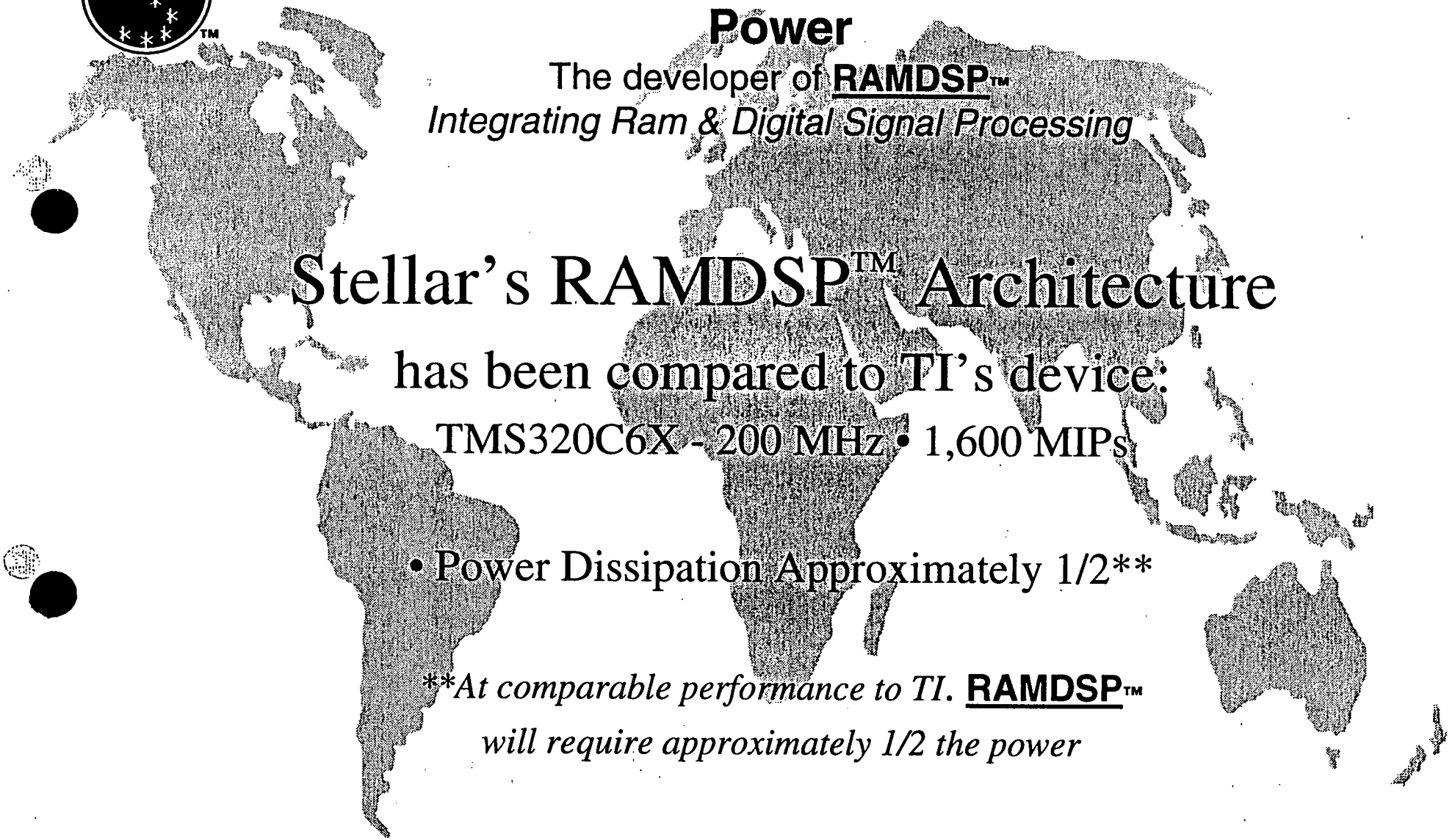

Stellar's RAMDSP™ Architecture

has been compared to TI's device:

TMS320C6X - 200 MHz • 1,600 MIPs

• Power Dissipation Approximately 1/2**

At comparable performance to TI.* ***RAMDSP™

will require approximately 1/2 the power

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Processing Speed

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Stellar's Architecture RAMDSP™

Has been compared to TI's device:

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• Performance Approximately 1- 4x***

*** **RAMDSP™** *product family will support performance range of 1 to 4 times the performance of TMS320C6X on a single chip*

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System Cost

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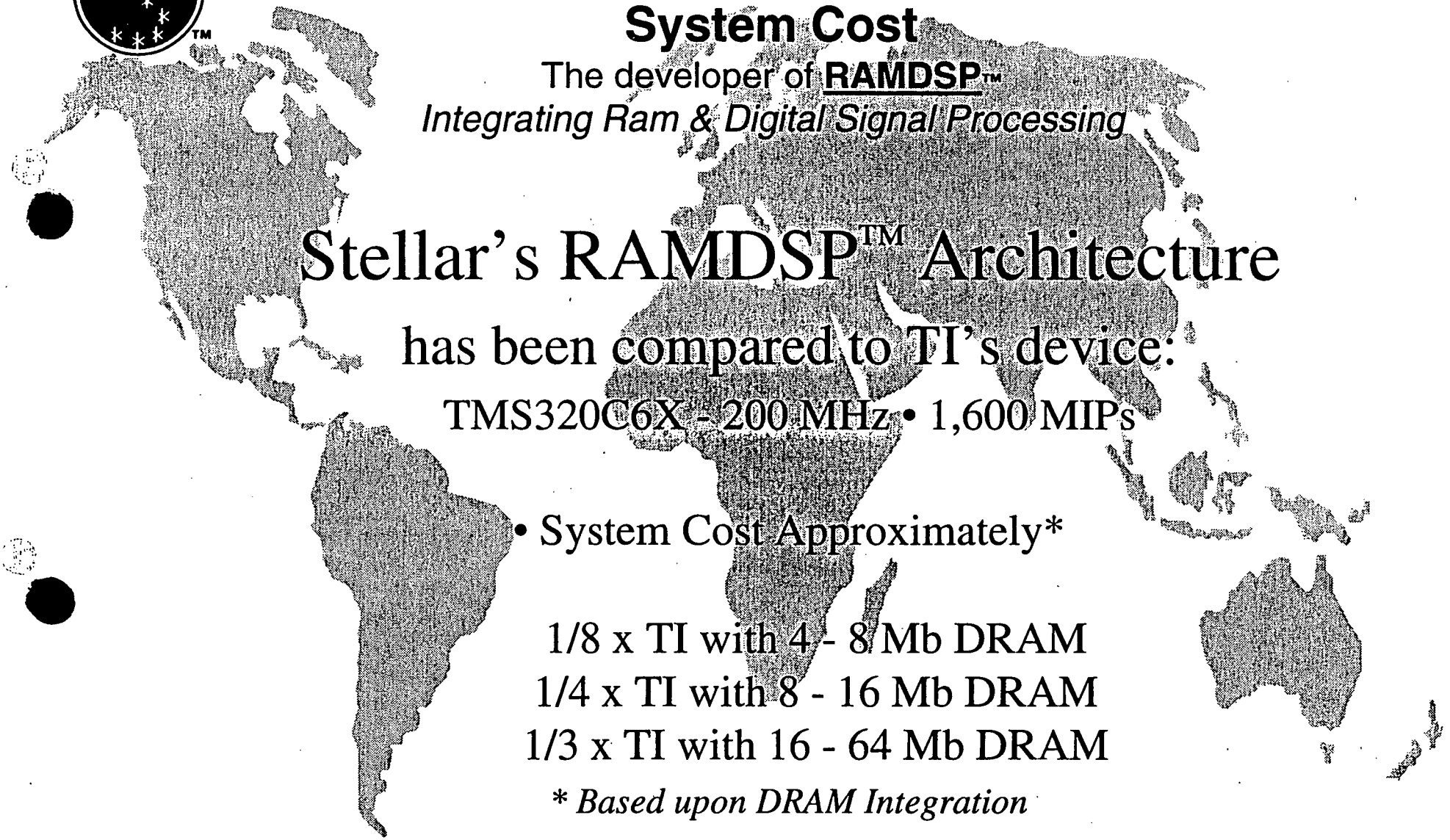

Stellar's RAMDSP™ Architecture

has been compared to TI's device:

TMS320C6X - 200 MHz • 1,600 MIPs

• System Cost Approximately*

1/8 x TI with 4 - 8 Mb DRAM

1/4 x TI with 8 - 16 Mb DRAM

1/3 x TI with 16 - 64 Mb DRAM

** Based upon DRAM Integration*

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Data Ram & Local Ram

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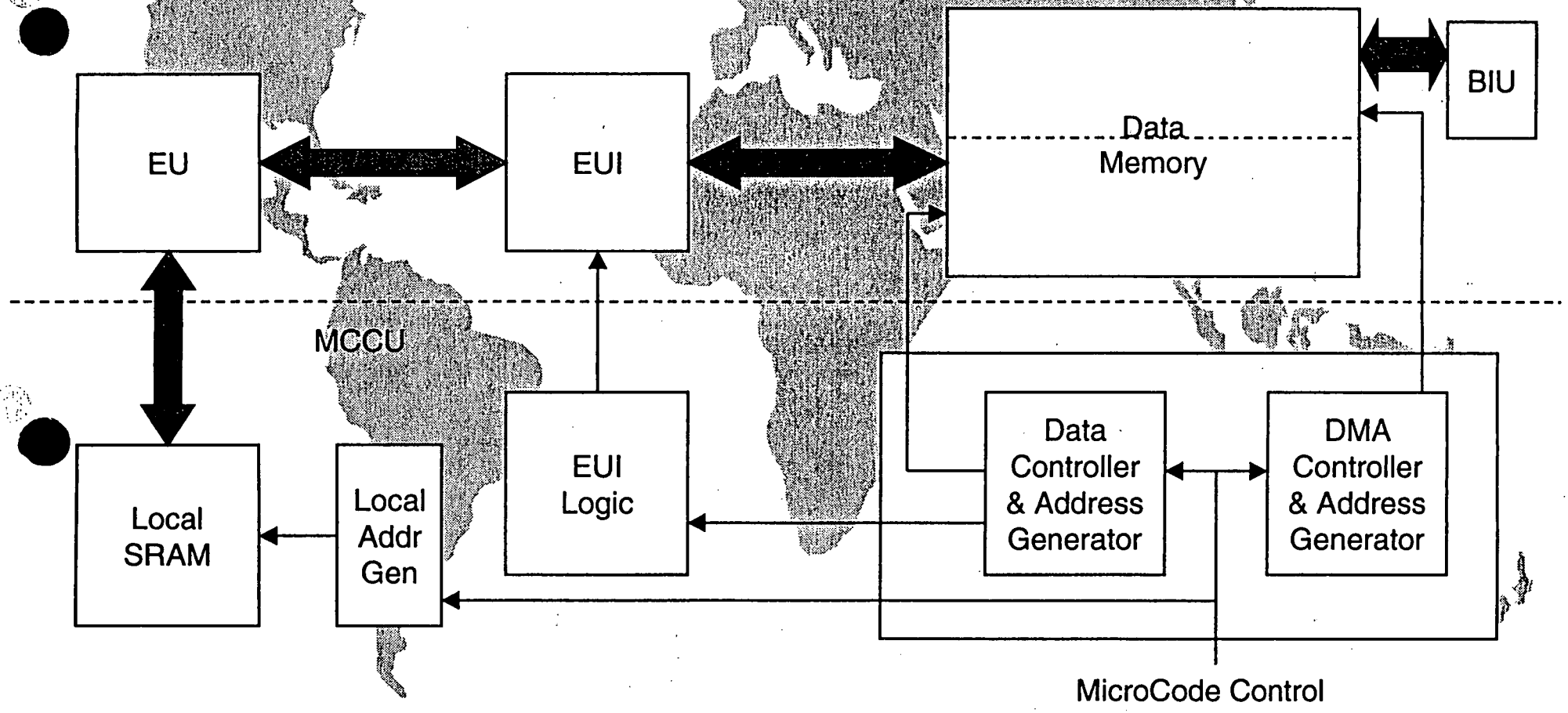

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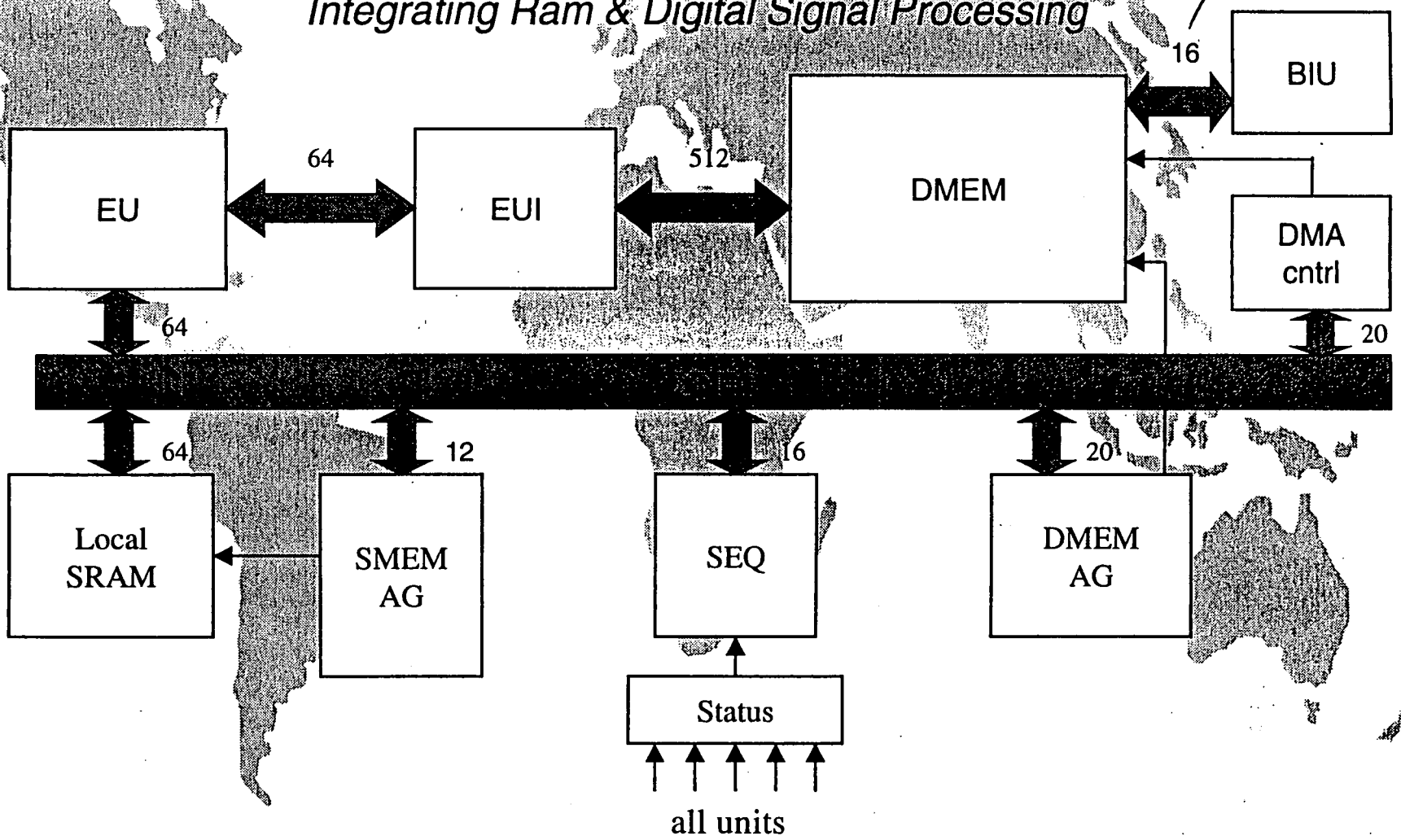

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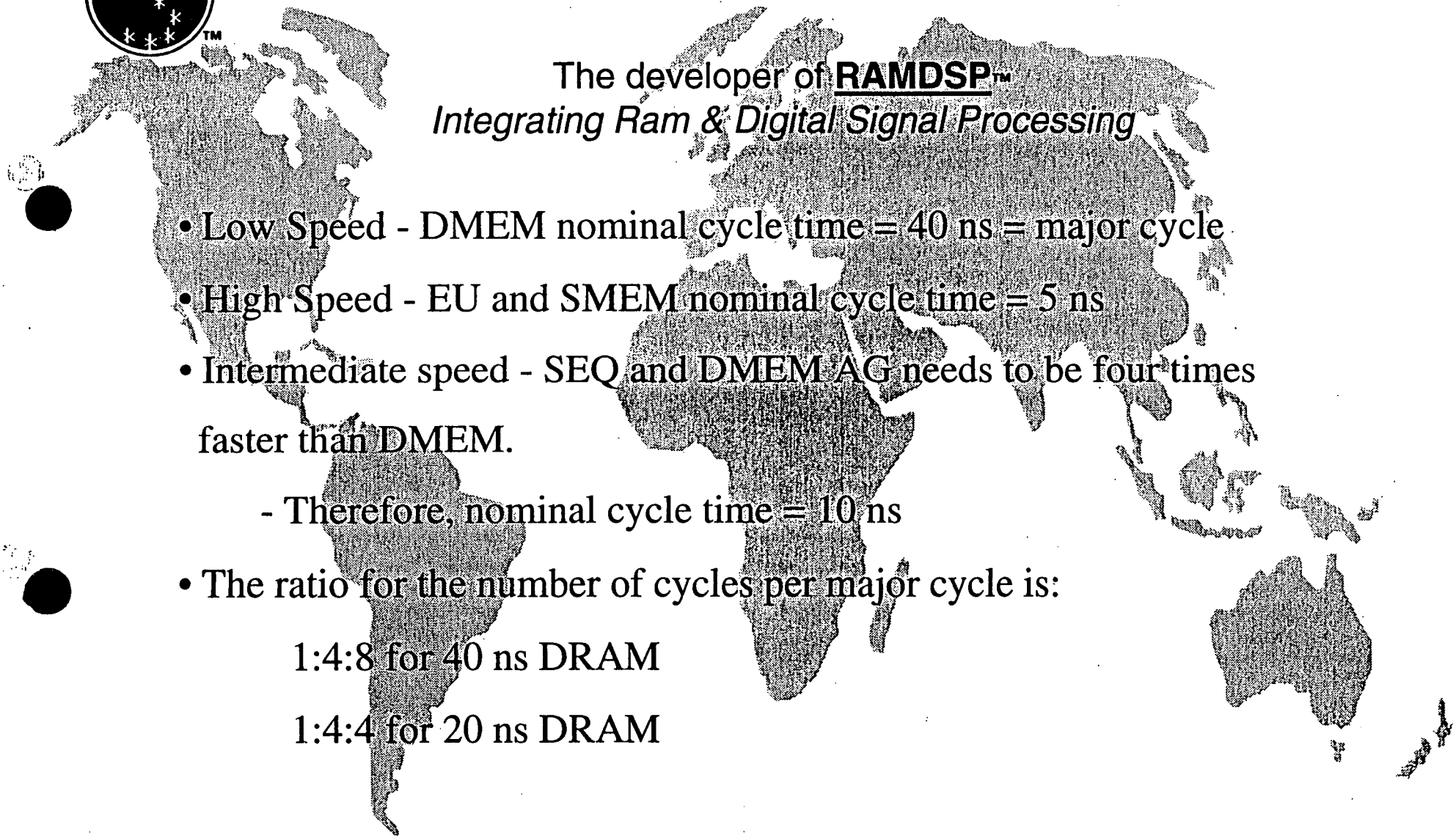

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Integrating Ram & Digital Signal Processing

- Low Speed - DMEM nominal cycle time = 40 ns = major cycle
- High Speed - EU and SMEM nominal cycle time = 5 ns
- Intermediate speed - SEQ and DMEM AG needs to be four times faster than DMEM.
  - Therefore, nominal cycle time = 10 ns
- The ratio for the number of cycles per major cycle is:
  - 1:4:8 for 40 ns DRAM
  - 1:4:4 for 20 ns DRAM

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Memory Centric Controller Unit cont.

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RAMDSP technology applies to both DRAM and SRAM data memory

- Memory Addressing for Execution Unit
- Operation Control Fields
- Execution Unit timing
- Memory interface unit timing and control
- Control for reconfiguring and sharing memory

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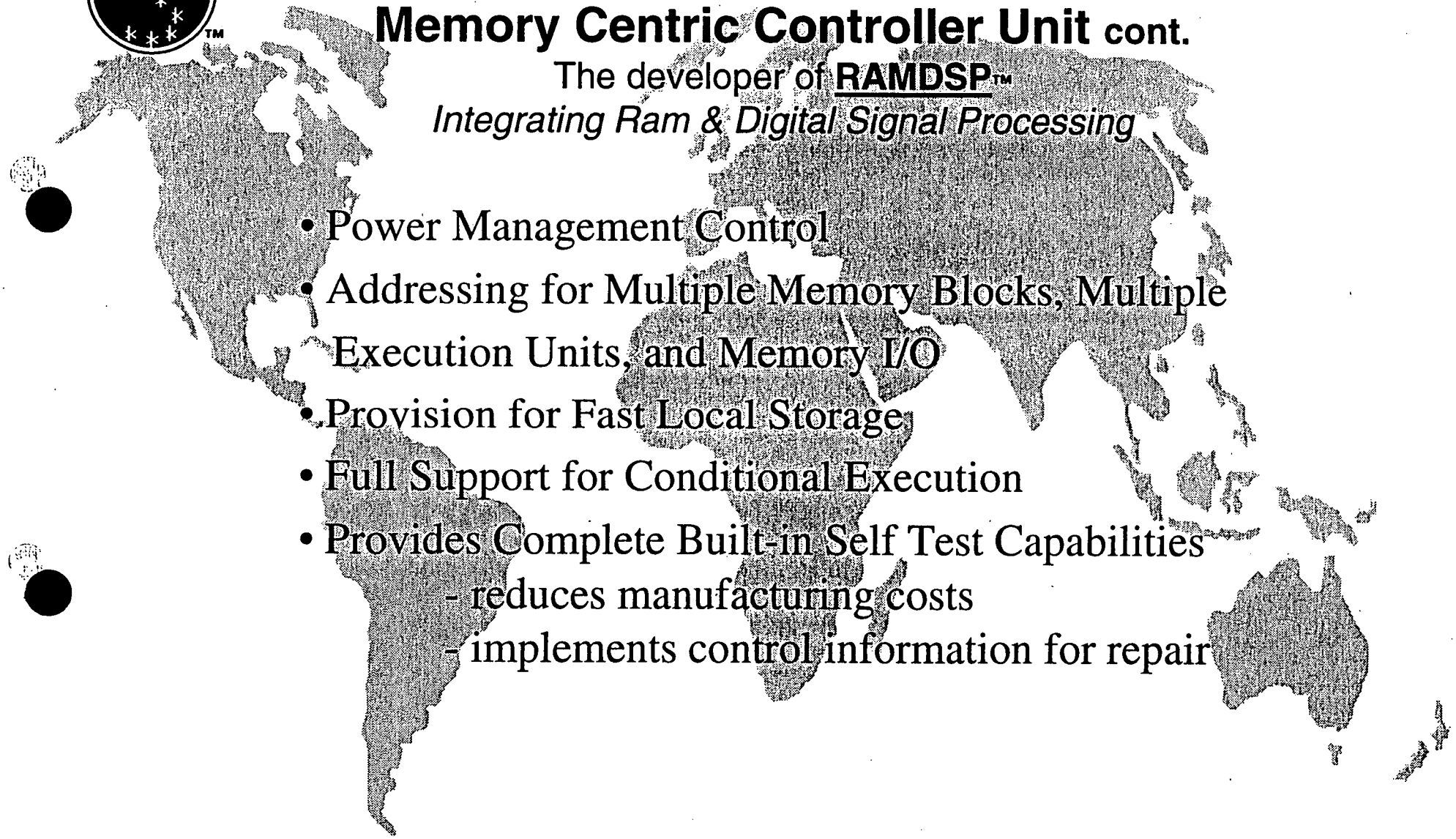

- Power Management Control
- Addressing for Multiple Memory Blocks, Multiple Execution Units, and Memory I/O
- Provision for Fast Local Storage
- Full Support for Conditional Execution
- Provides Complete Built-in Self Test Capabilities
  - reduces manufacturing costs
  - implements control information for repair

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MCCU Interface Controls

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- Status Block Information Control from Engine to Core processor
- Interrupt Handling Processor ⟷ Engine
- Engine To Engine Communications
  - Multi-processor support
  - Stand-alone processing
  - Status
  - Interrupts
- Support for Memory Mapped Instructions from Core processor to Engine

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MCCU Block Diagram

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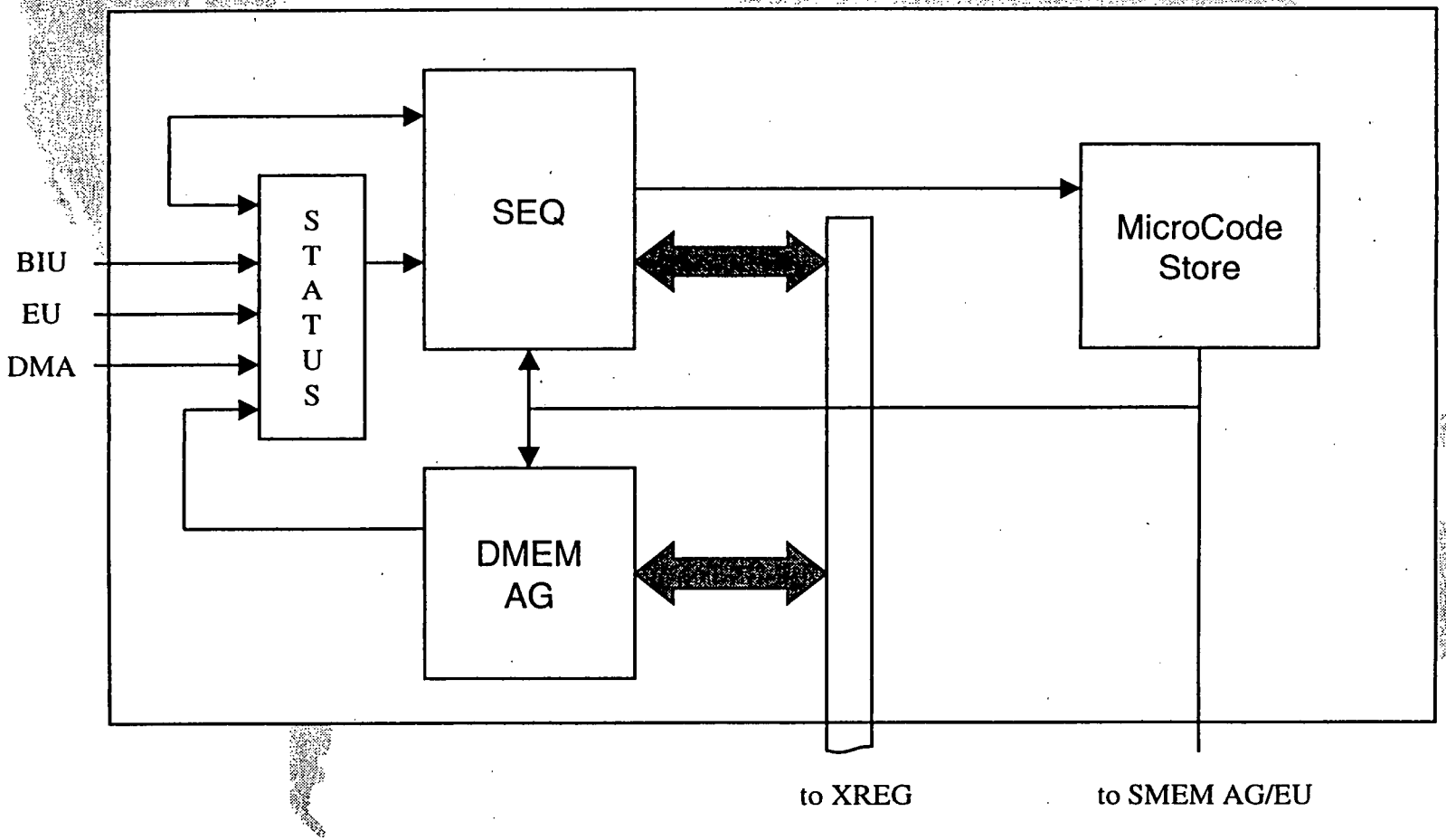

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MCCU Sequence Controller

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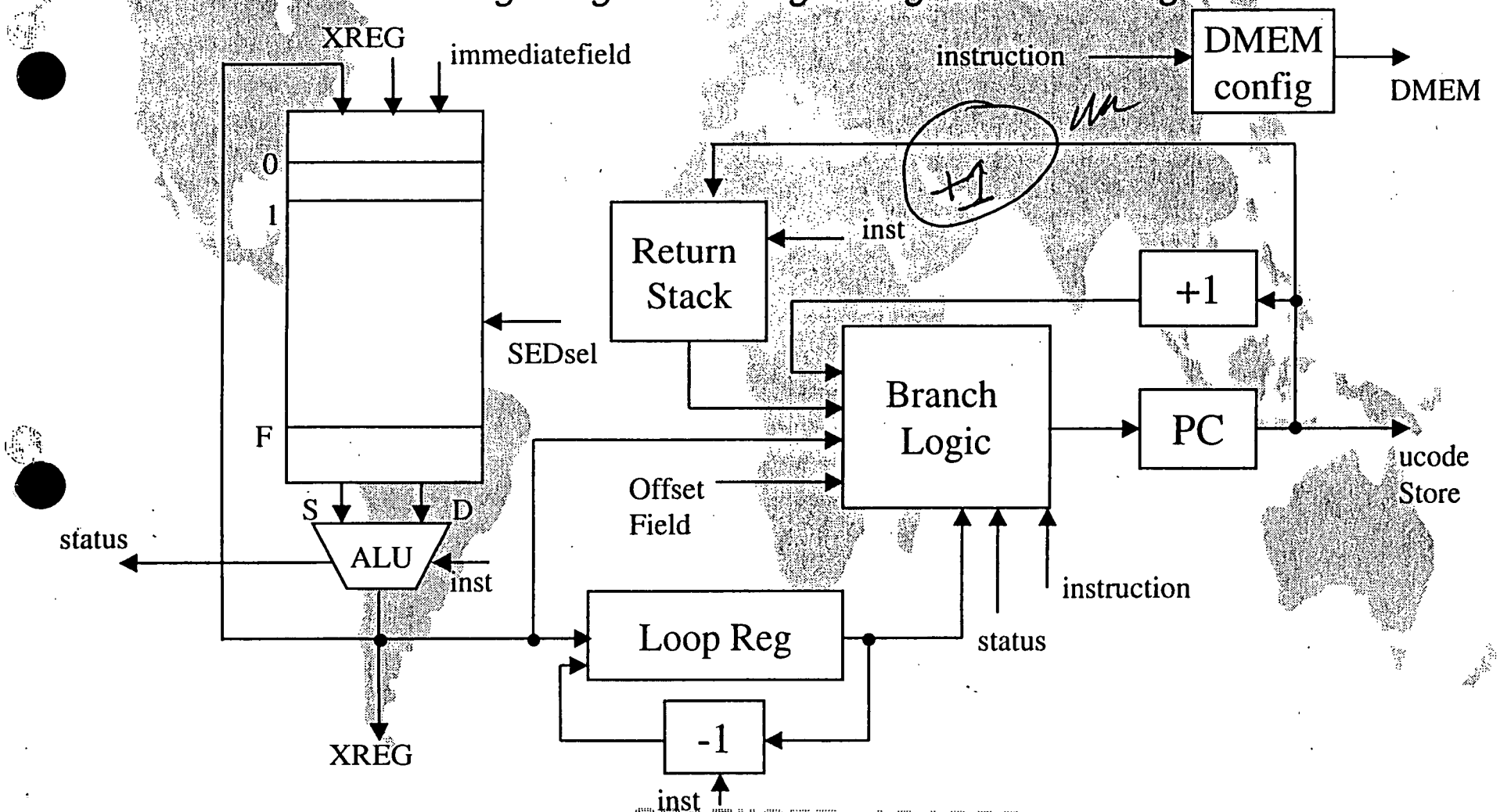

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MicroCode Store Segmentation

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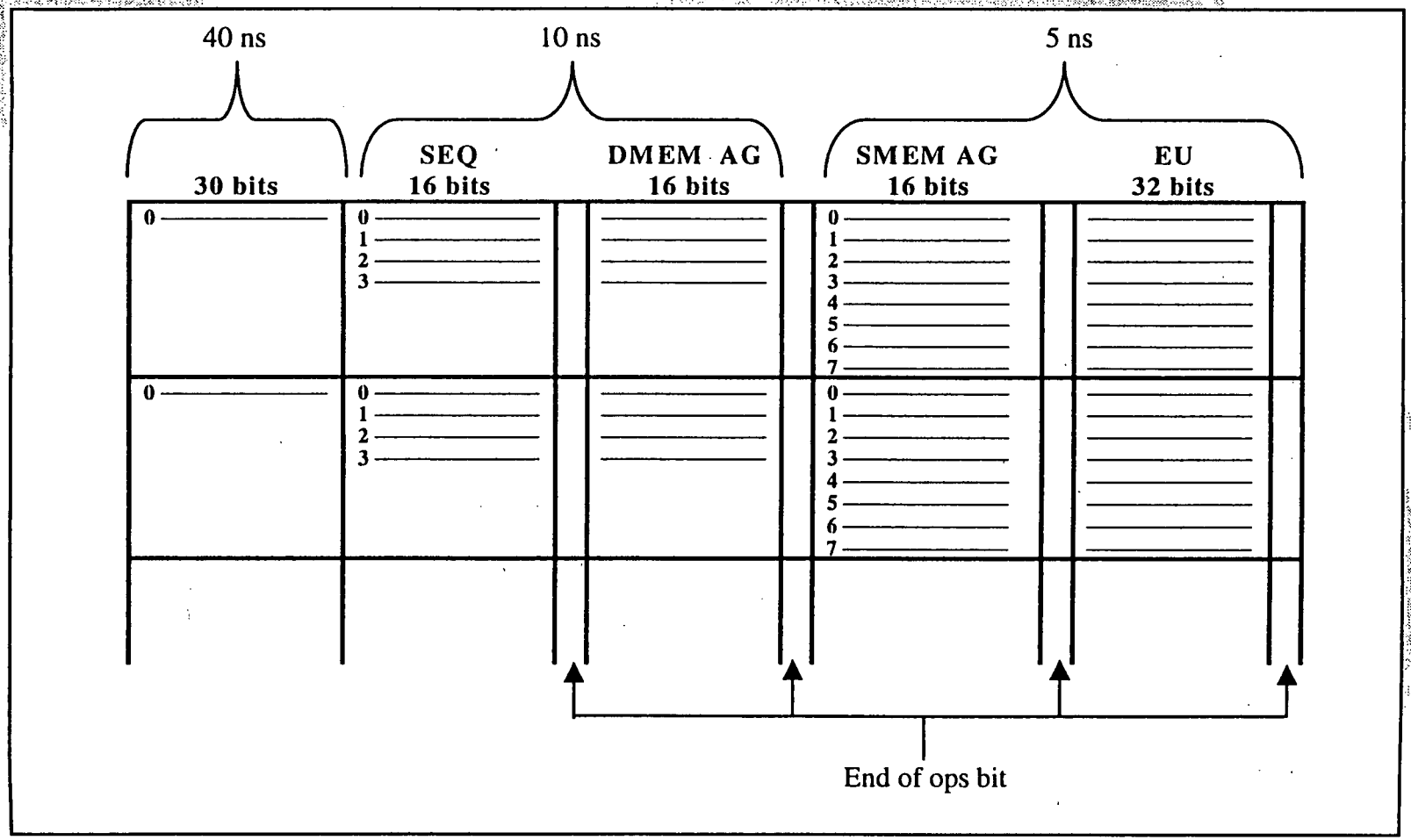

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MicroCode Store

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End of Operations Bit

- The EOO Bit is set by the assembler
- When the EOO Bit is encountered, that MicroCode block is idle until the start of the next major cycle
- Note that the units are idle during a NOP

Example of EOO Bit for DMEM AG

Assembler Code	Machine Code	EOO Bit
inc 3, setaddr	1 2 3 0	1
nop	0 0 0 0	0
nop	0 0 0 0	0
nop	0 0 0 0	0

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Data Ram Partitioning

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- Data Ram addressed in 8 assignable segments
- Execution Unit and Bus Interface Unit swap data segments transparently
- Fixed segments preserve algorithm state
- MCCU controls reconfiguration and coordinates processing with I/O

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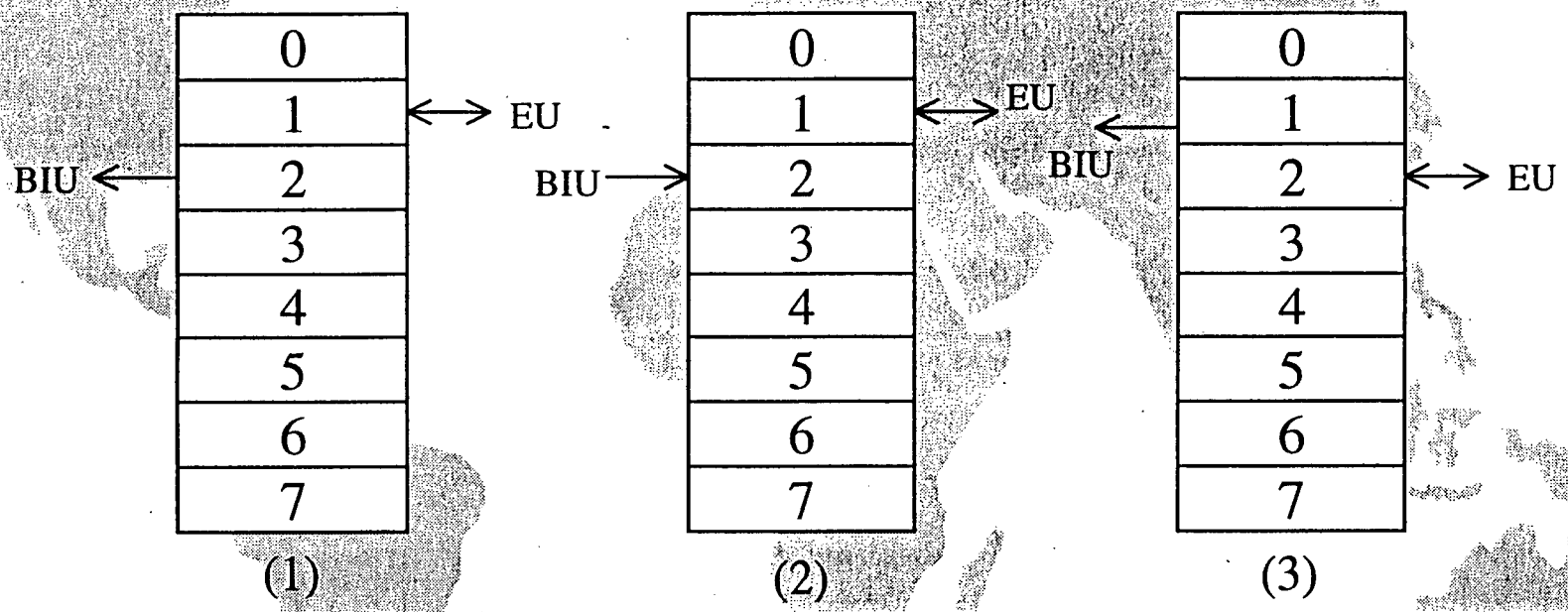

1. Current execution with segment 1 while last results are unloaded from segment 2.

2. Execution continues with segment 1 while next data is loaded into segment 2.

3. Segments are reassigned - execute with segment 2 while previous results are unloaded from segment 1.

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Bus Interface Unit

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- Provides a high bandwidth programmable interface to standard and custom busses
- Shares control with the MCCU
- Direct path to DRAM I/O Blocks

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Bus Interface Unit

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- Maintains high bandwidth communication between BIU and DRAM block
- Support for various standards
  - Synchronous DRAM
  - EDO
  - Rambus
  - PCI
- Simple interface can substitute for BIU, e.g., standard memory buss interface

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Execution Unit

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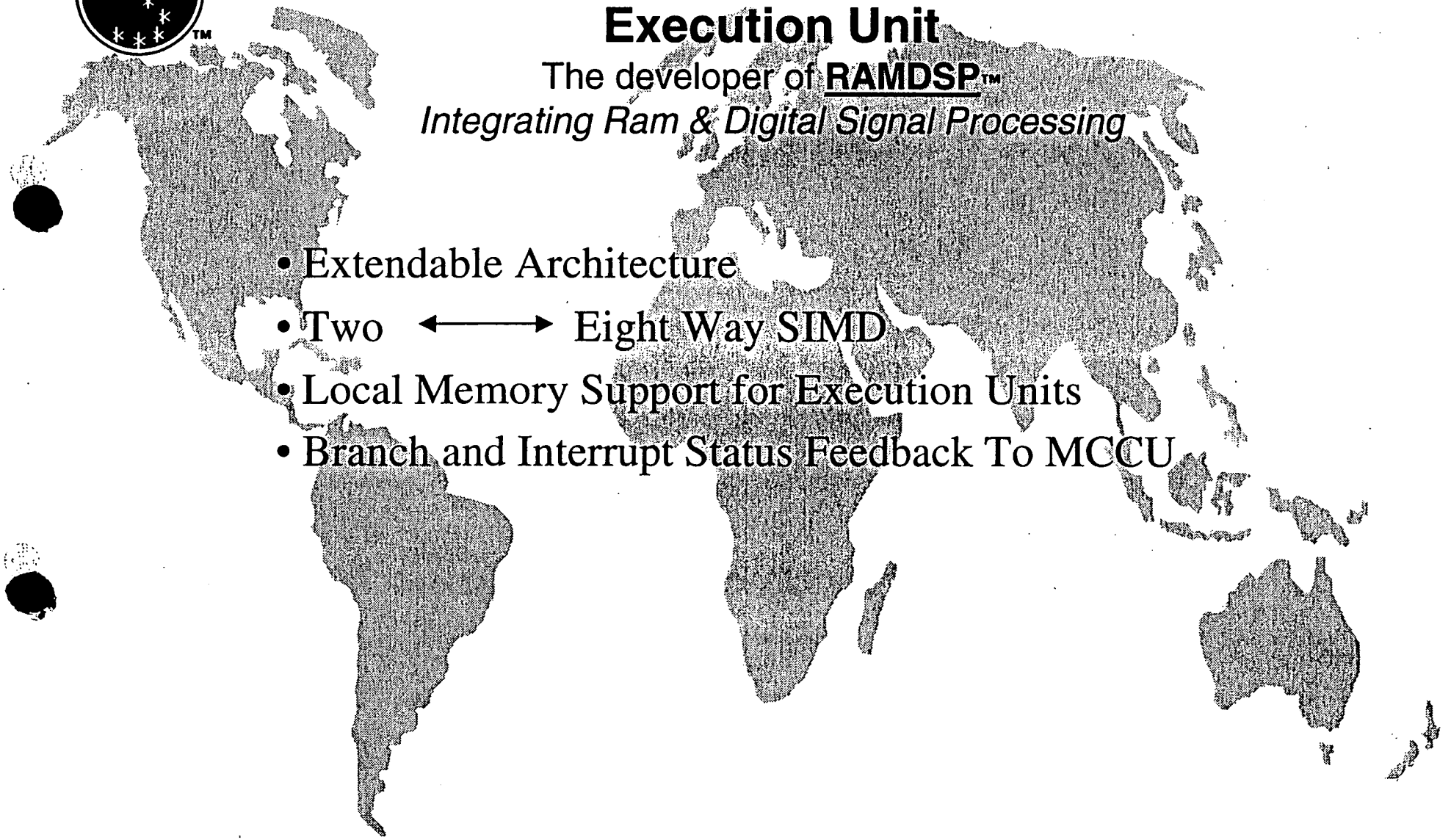

- Extendable Architecture
- Two ⟷ Eight Way SIMD
- Local Memory Support for Execution Units
- Branch and Interrupt Status Feedback To MCCU

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Execution Unit Interface

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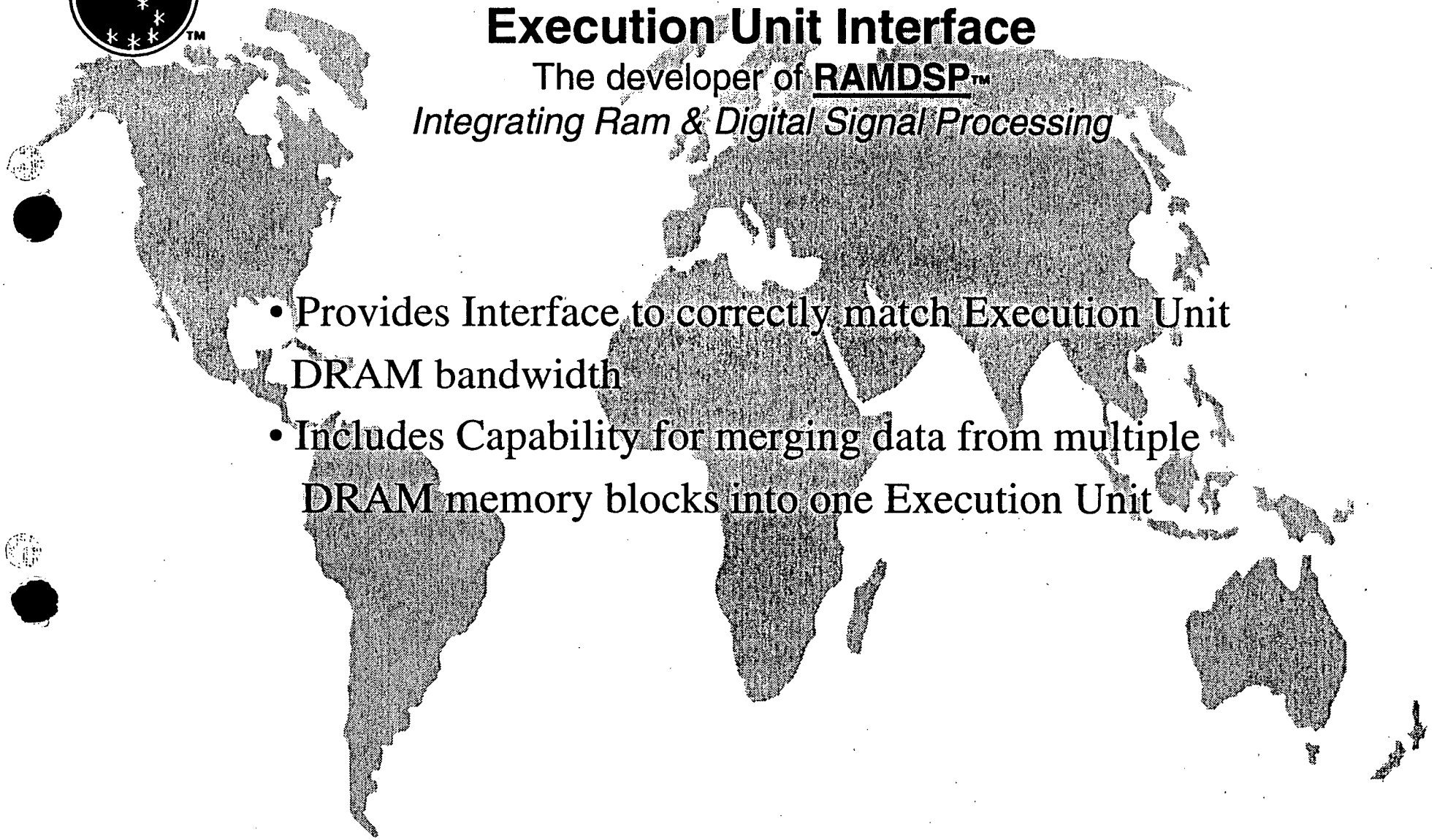

- Provides Interface to correctly match Execution Unit DRAM bandwidth
- Includes Capability for merging data from multiple DRAM memory blocks into one Execution Unit

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Parallel SIMD Style Execution Unit

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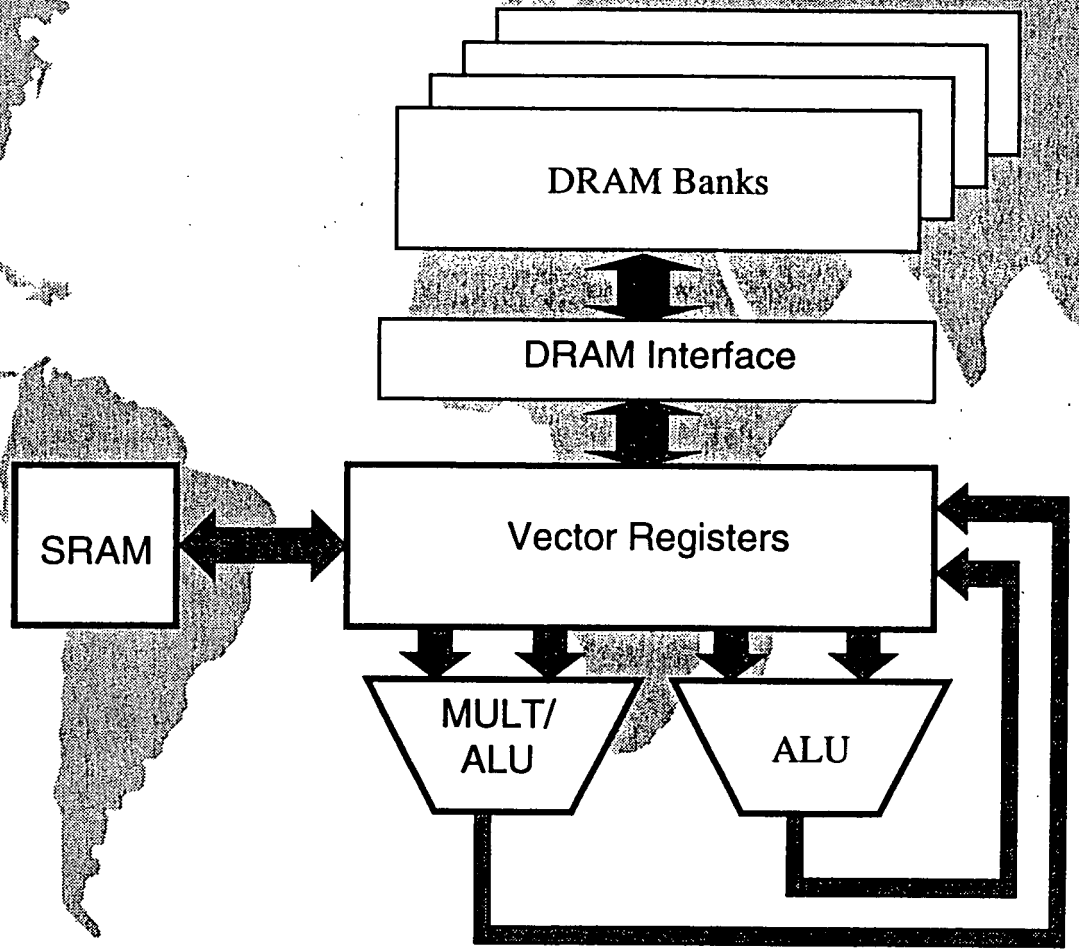

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Matched Data Rates

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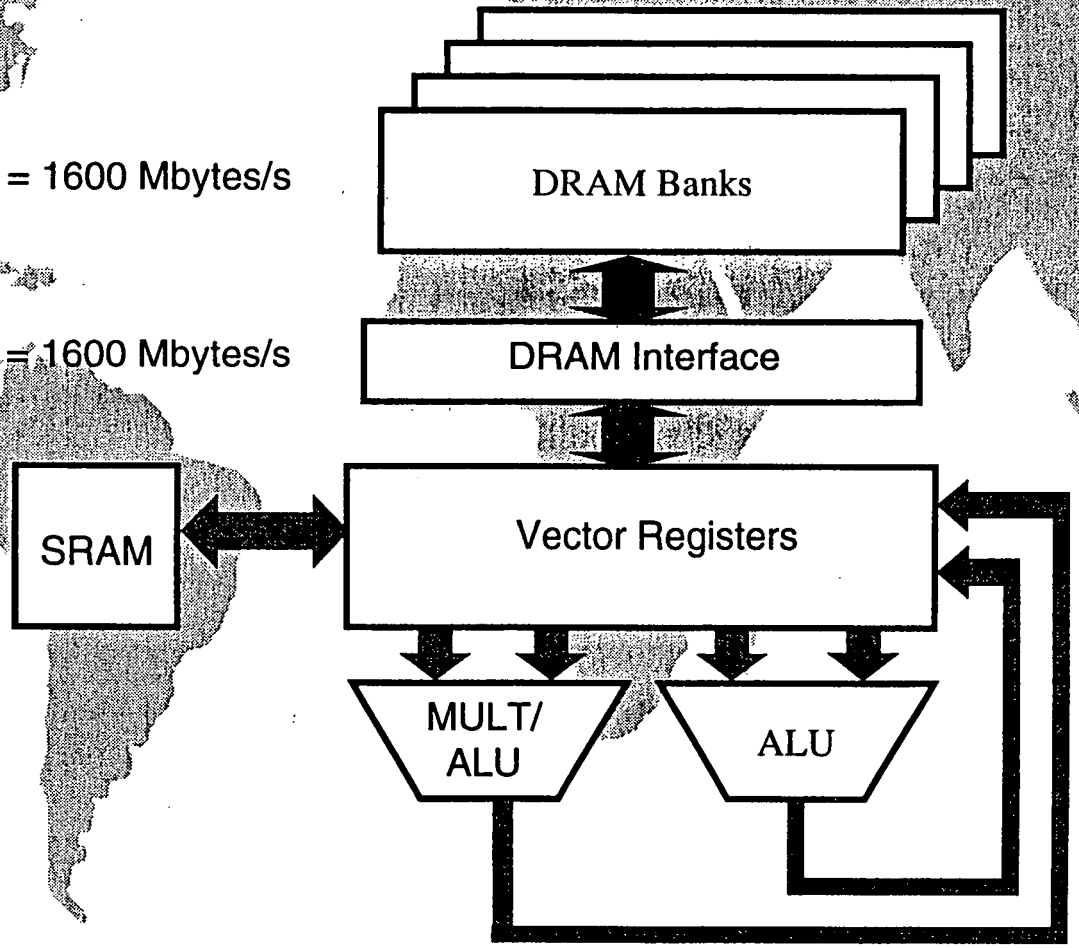
25 MHz x 512-bits = 1600 Mbytes/s

200 MHz x 64-bits = 1600 Mbytes/s



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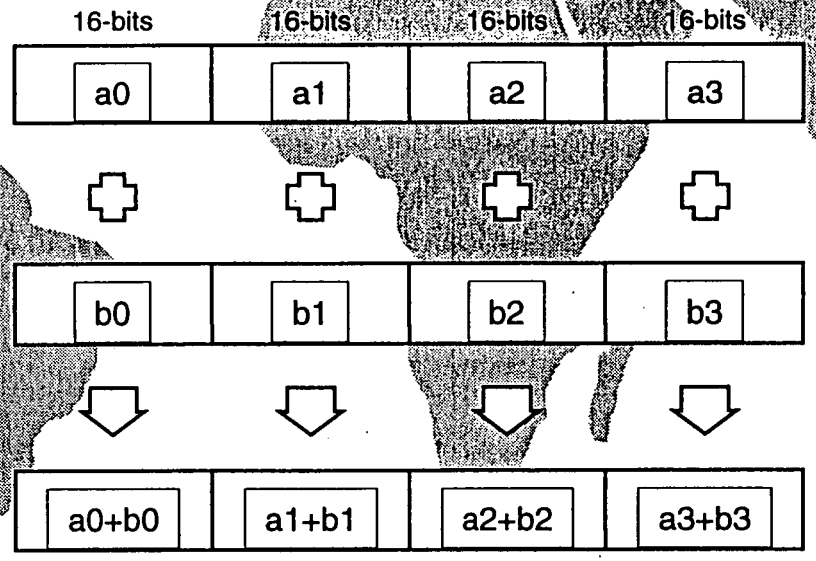

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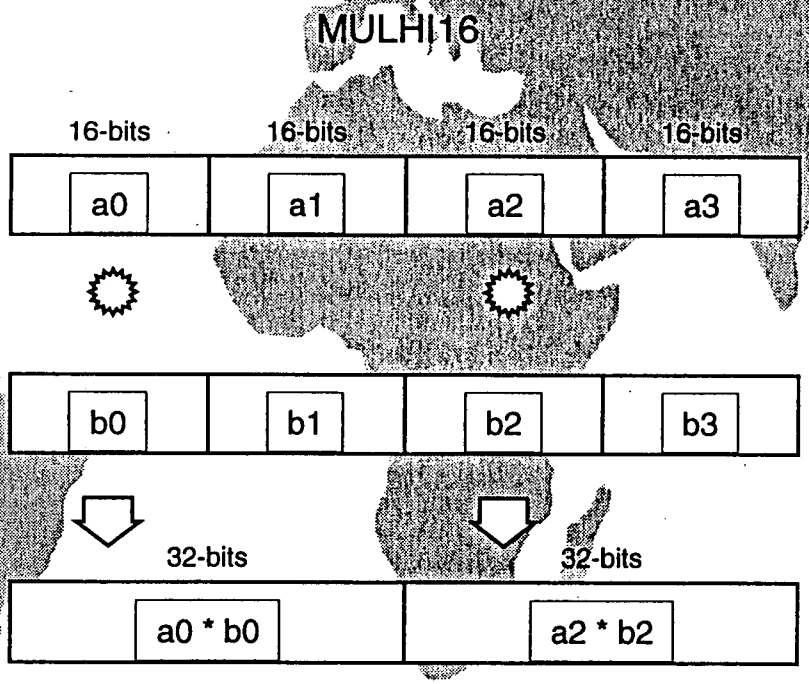

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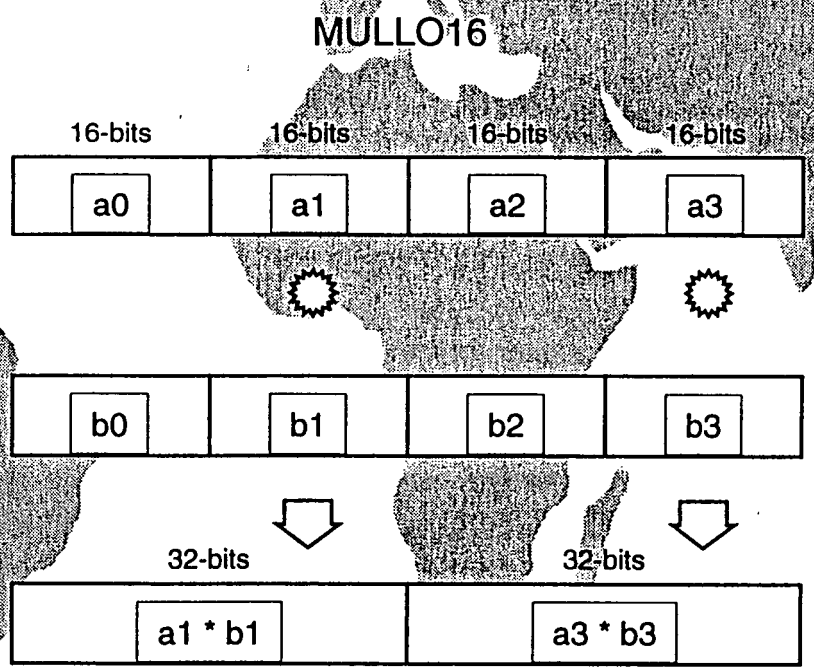

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SIMD uCode Instructions

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- Multiplier can do some Adder operations
- Parallel 8, 16, 32-bit ADD, COMP, SHIFT (signed, unsigned, or saturating)
- Parallel 8, 16-bit MUL (to double width) (odd or even; signed or unsigned)
- 64-bit AND, OR, XOR
- Parallel PACK and UNPACK (odd or even fields)
- MOVE and MERGE (under mask)
- LDZero, LDOne (for normalization and compression)

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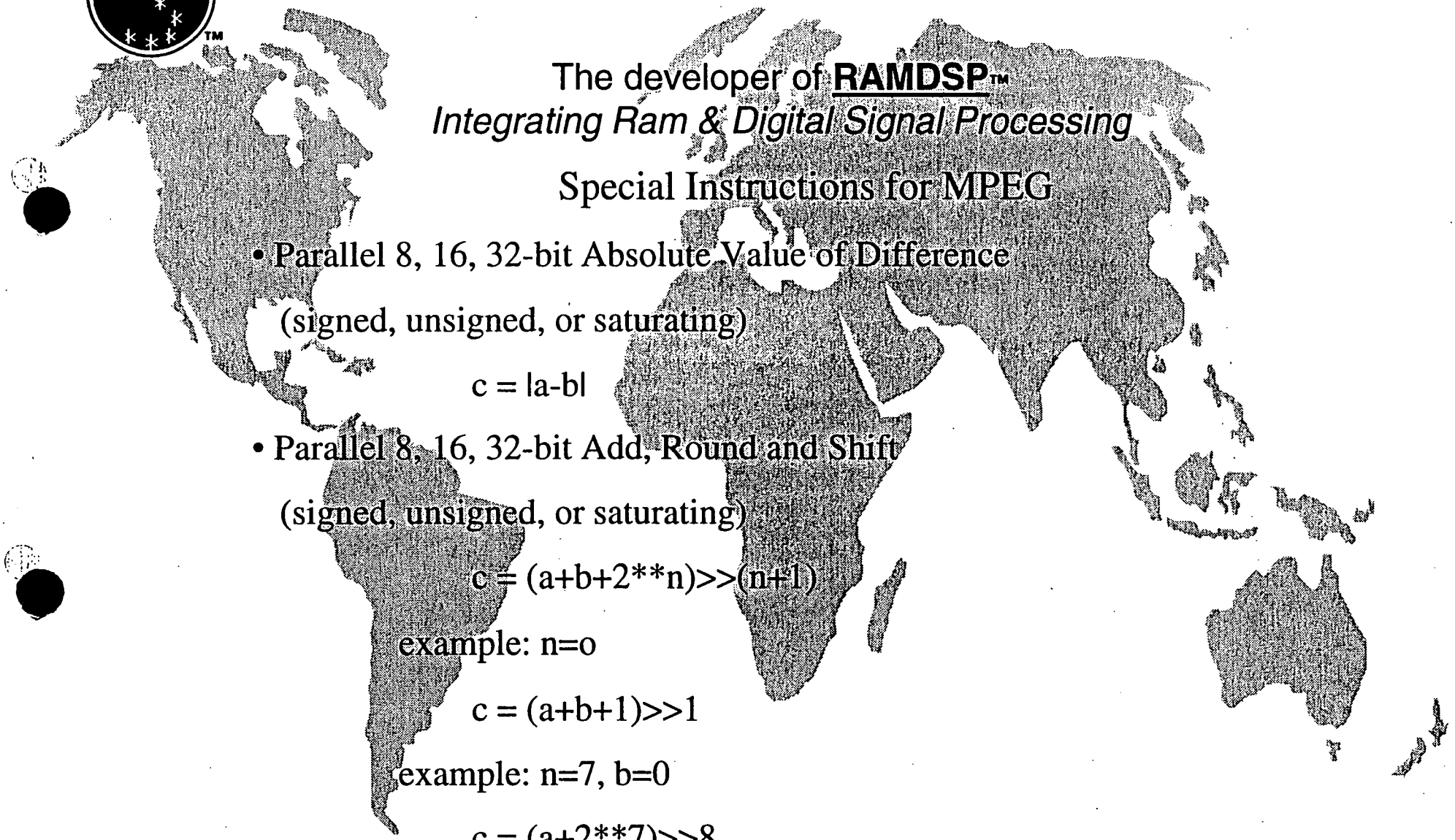

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Special Instructions for MPEG

- Parallel 8, 16, 32-bit Absolute Value of Difference

  (signed, unsigned, or saturating)

  c = |a-b|

- Parallel 8, 16, 32-bit Add, Round and Shift

  (signed, unsigned, or saturating)

  c = (a+b+2**n)>>(n+1)

  example: n=o

  c = (a+b+1)>>1

  example: n=7, b=0

  c = (a+2**7)>>8

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Vector Programming Model

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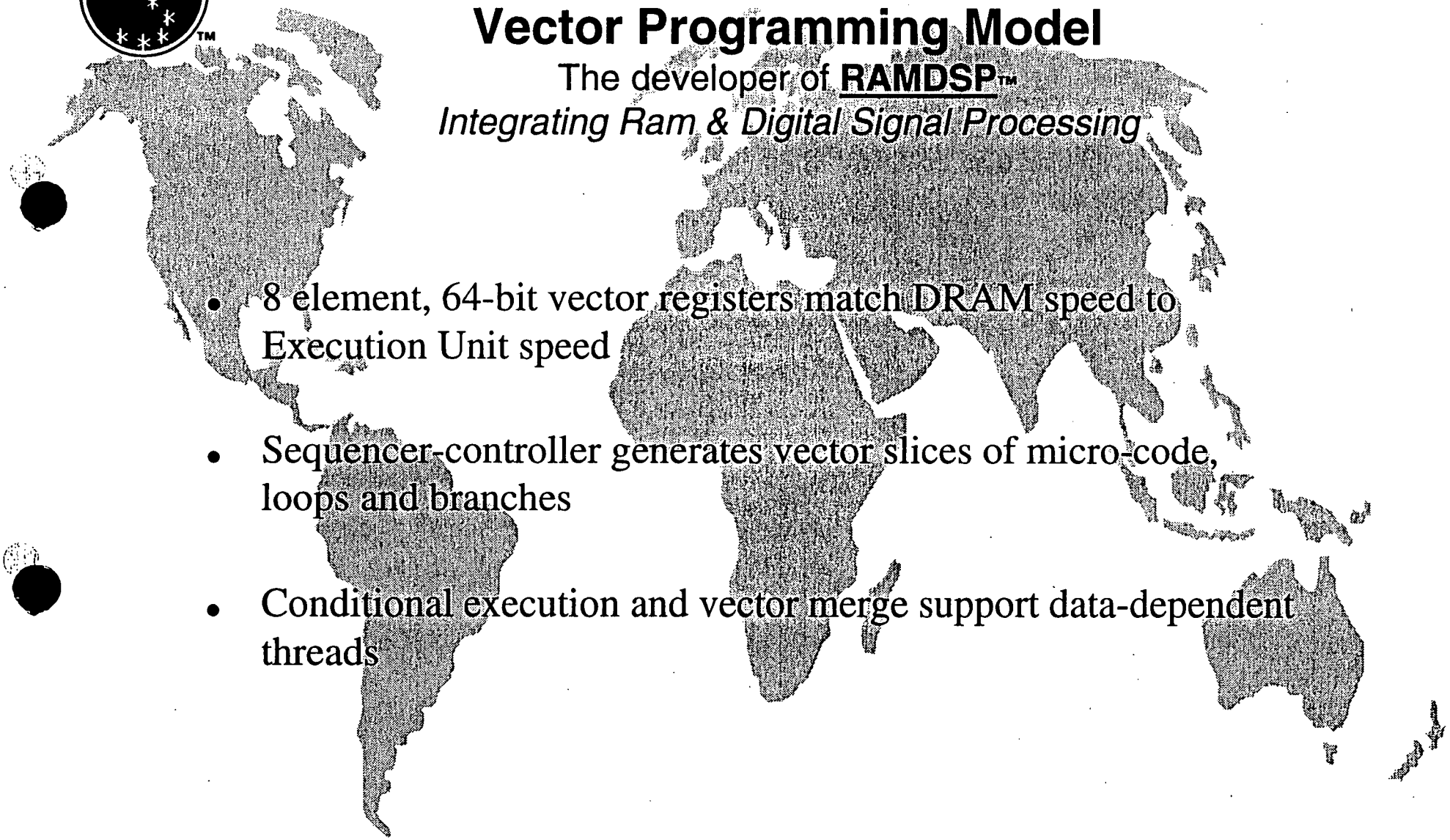

- 8 element, 64-bit vector registers match DRAM speed to Execution Unit speed
- Sequencer-controller generates vector slices of micro-code, loops and branches
- Conditional execution and vector merge support data-dependent threads

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EU Opcode Generator

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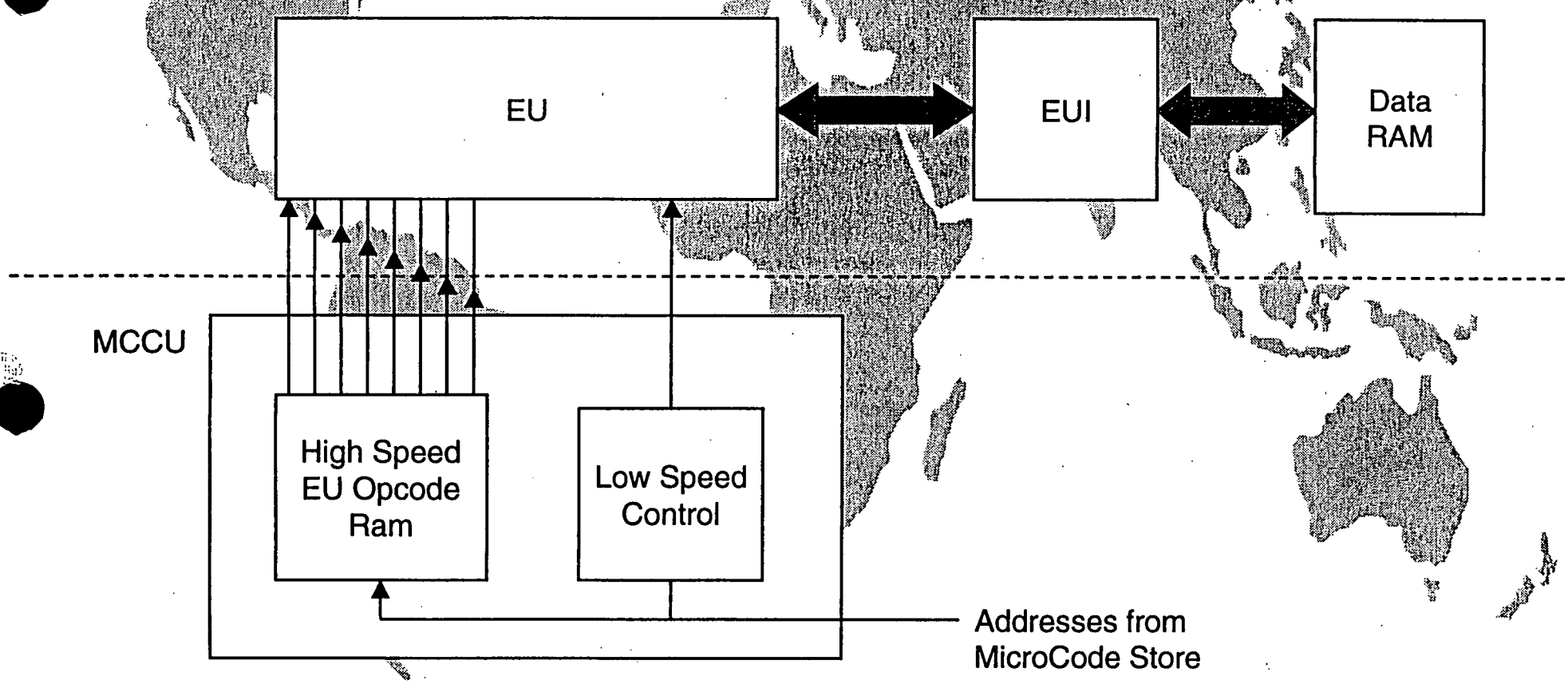

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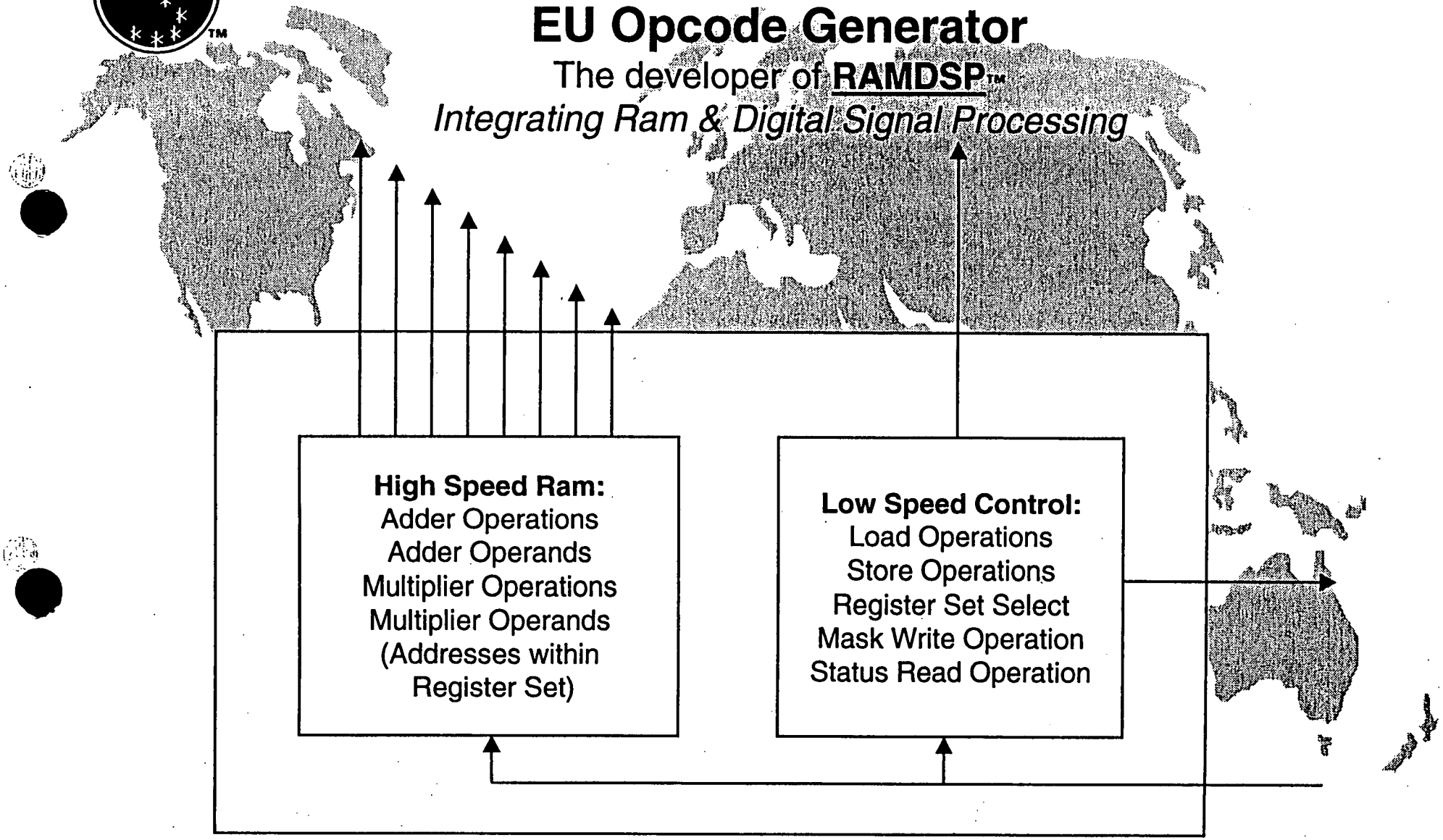

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Peak Execution Rates

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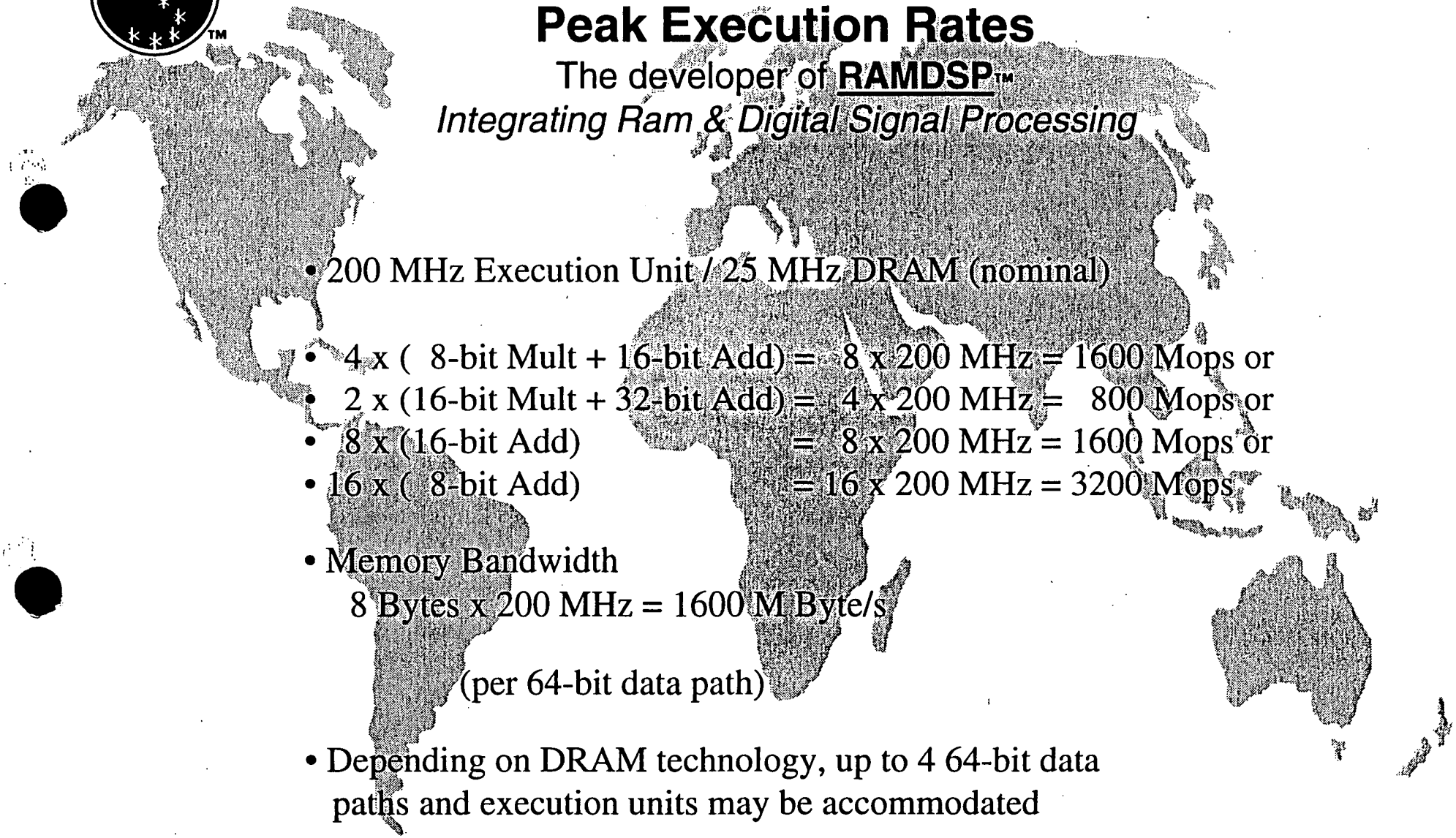

- 200 MHz Execution Unit / 25 MHz DRAM (nominal)

- 4 x (8-bit Mult + 16-bit Add) = 8 x 200 MHz = 1600 Mops or
- 2 x (16-bit Mult + 32-bit Add) = 4 x 200 MHz = 800 Mops or
- 8 x (16-bit Add) = 8 x 200 MHz = 1600 Mops or
- 16 x (8-bit Add) = 16 x 200 MHz = 3200 Mops

- Memory Bandwidth
  8 Bytes x 200 MHz = 1600 M Byte/s

  (per 64-bit data path)

- Depending on DRAM technology, up to 4 64-bit data paths and execution units may be accommodated

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Data Path Sizes

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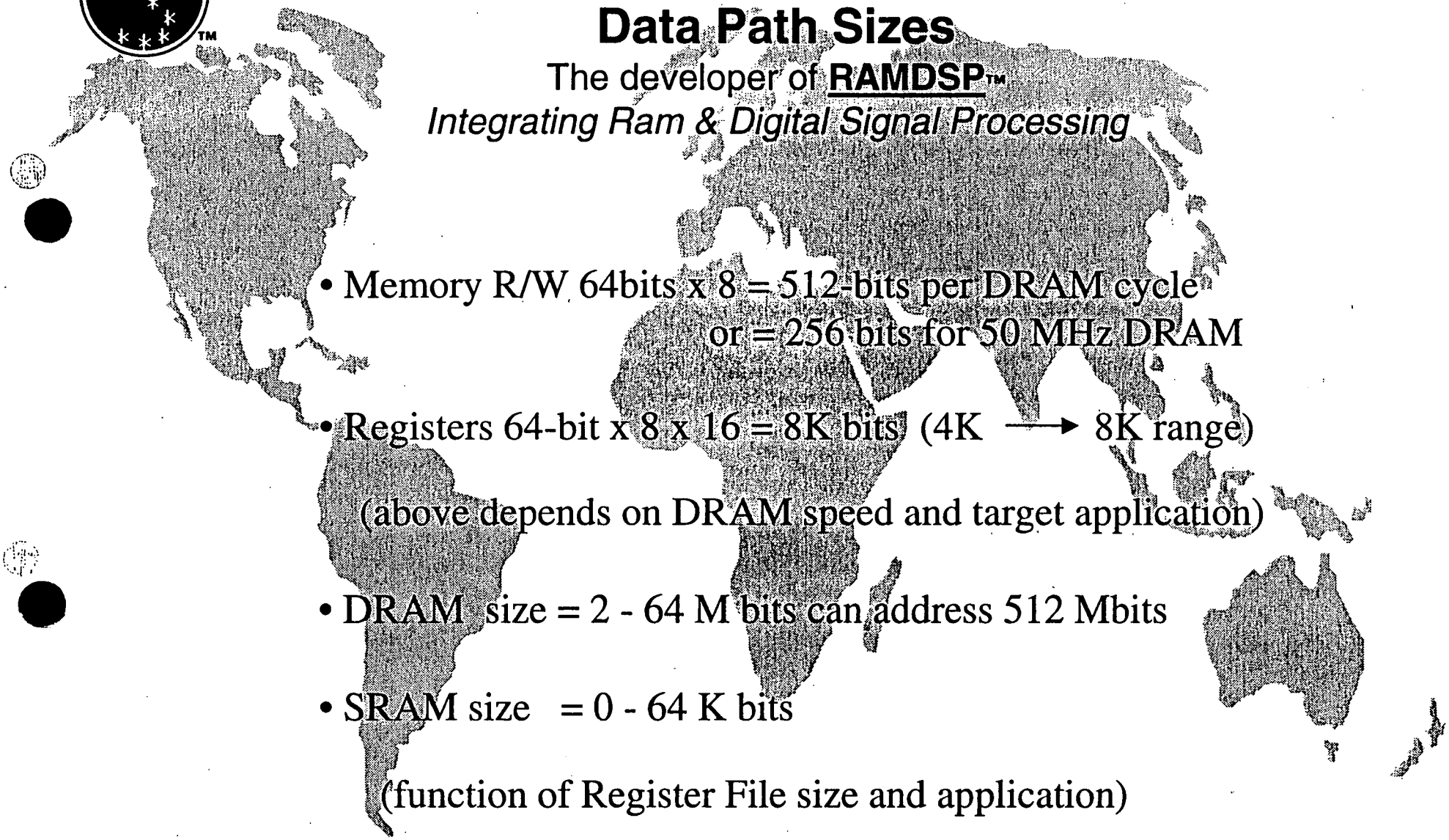

- Memory R/W 64bits x 8 = 512-bits per DRAM cycle
  or = 256 bits for 50 MHz DRAM
- Registers 64-bit x 8 x 16 = 8K bits (4K → 8K range)

(above depends on DRAM speed and target application)

- DRAM size = 2 - 64 M bits can address 512 Mbits
- SRAM size = 0 - 64 K bits

(function of Register File size and application)

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RAMDSP vs. TI C6x Characteristics

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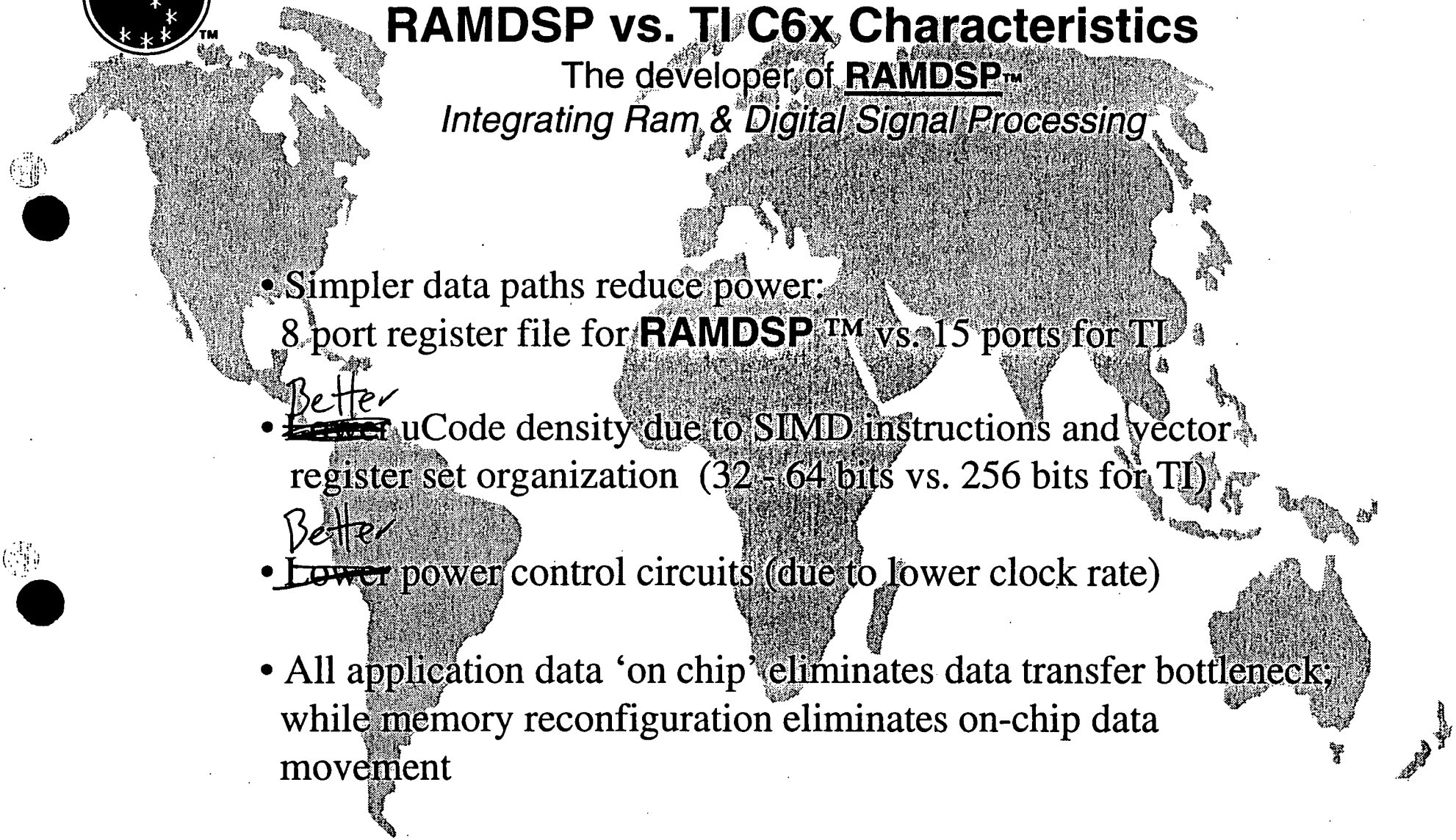

- Simpler data paths reduce power:
  8 port register file for **RAMDSP ™** vs. 15 ports for TI
- Better ~~Lower~~ uCode density due to SIMD instructions and vector register set organization (32 - 64 bits vs. 256 bits for TI)
- Better ~~Lower~~ power control circuits (due to lower clock rate)
- All application data 'on chip' eliminates data transfer bottleneck; while memory reconfiguration eliminates on-chip data movement

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RAMDSP vs. TI C6x Characteristics

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- Flexible SIMD style execution allows additional data parallelism and 2 - 4x execution speed

- TI: 2 x 32-bit adds per clock
  and
  2 x 16-bit mults

- RAMDSP ™ : 2 x 32-bit adds per clock
  4 x 16-bit adds or
  8 x 8-bit adds
  and
  2 x 16-bit mults
  4 x 8-bit mults

  or

  4 x 32 - bit adds
  8 x 32 - bit adds
  16 x 8 - bit adds

- And **RAMDSP** ™ can support 2 - 4x the number of data paths per chip based on it's lower power and die size requirements

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Compiler Support

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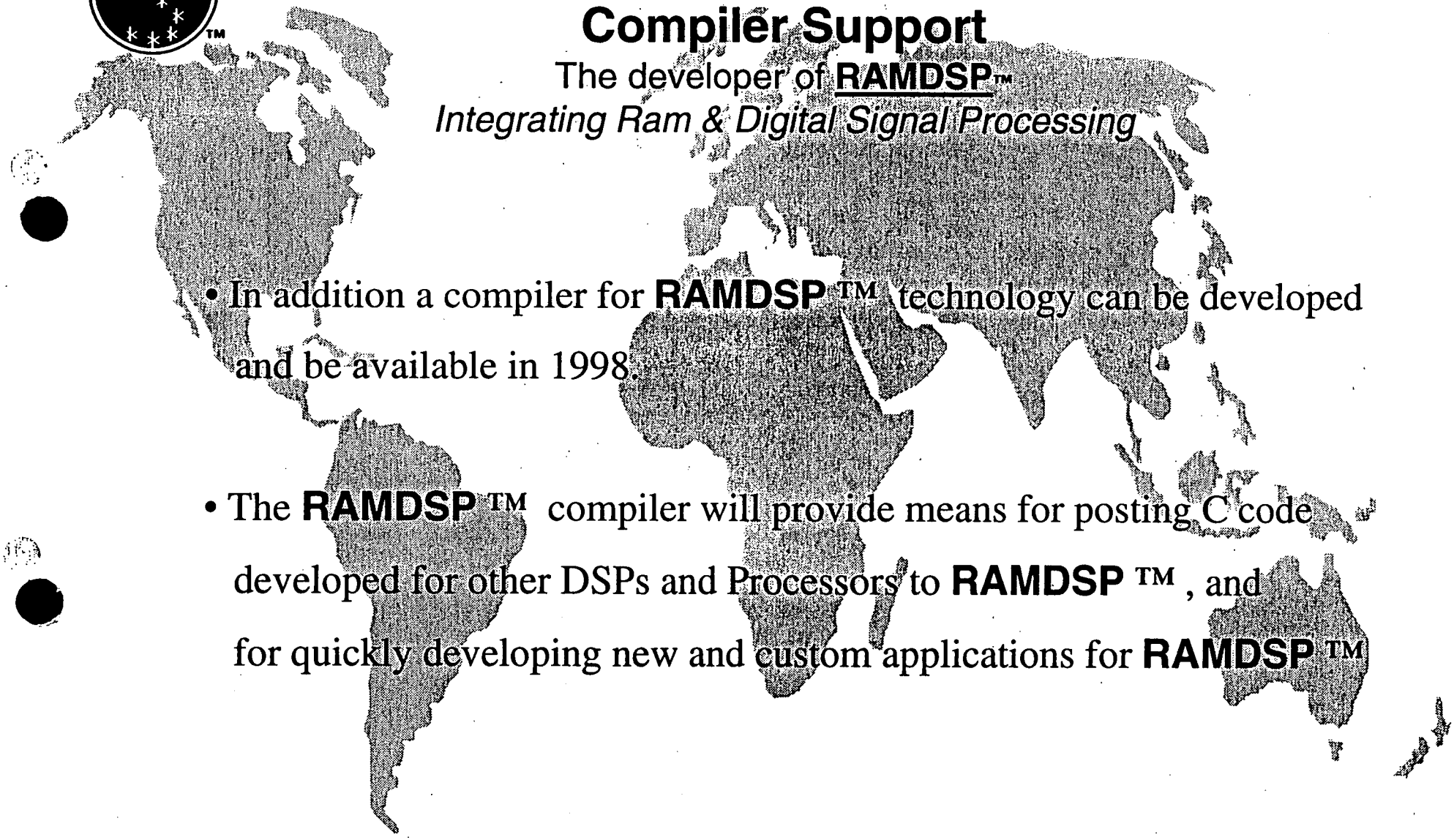

- In addition a compiler for **RAMDSP ™** technology can be developed and be available in 1998.

- The **RAMDSP ™** compiler will provide means for posting C code developed for other DSPs and Processors to **RAMDSP ™** , and for quickly developing new and custom applications for **RAMDSP ™**

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Additional Important Benefits

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- Elimination of complex IOP (I/O Processor)
- Advanced techniques for reconfiguring and sharing DRAM and SRAM memory
- Memory management of DRAM and SRAM results in seamless execution of complex DSP applications
  - delays due to DMA or I/O are overlapped with computation
- Minimization of on-chip silicon for addressing and control of DRAM, while maintaining high-bandwidth communications to RAM

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Additional Important Benefits

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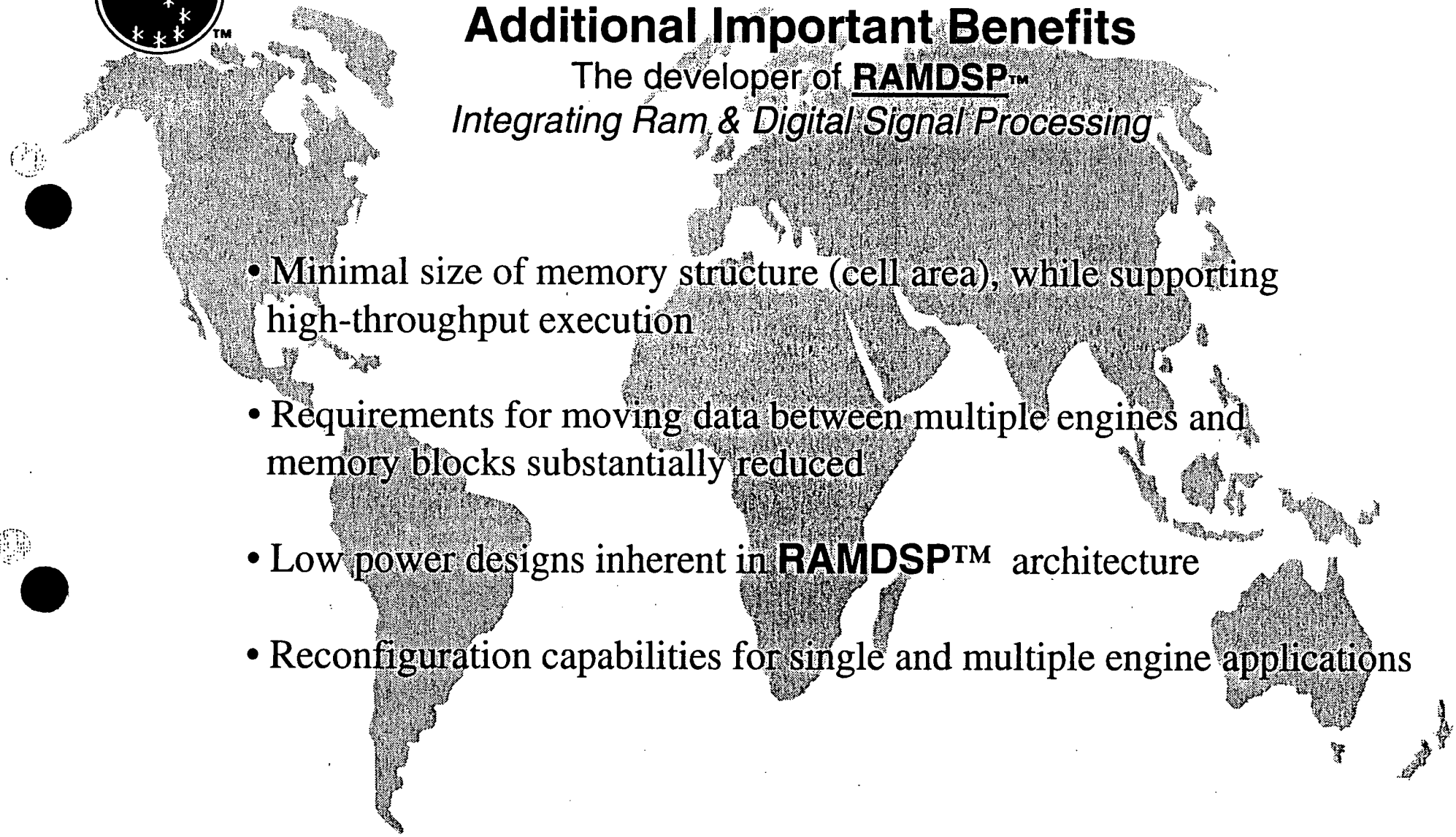

- Minimal size of memory structure (cell area), while supporting high-throughput execution
- Requirements for moving data between multiple engines and memory blocks substantially reduced
- Low power designs inherent in **RAMDSP™** architecture
- Reconfiguration capabilities for single and multiple engine applications

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DRAM Product Focus cont...

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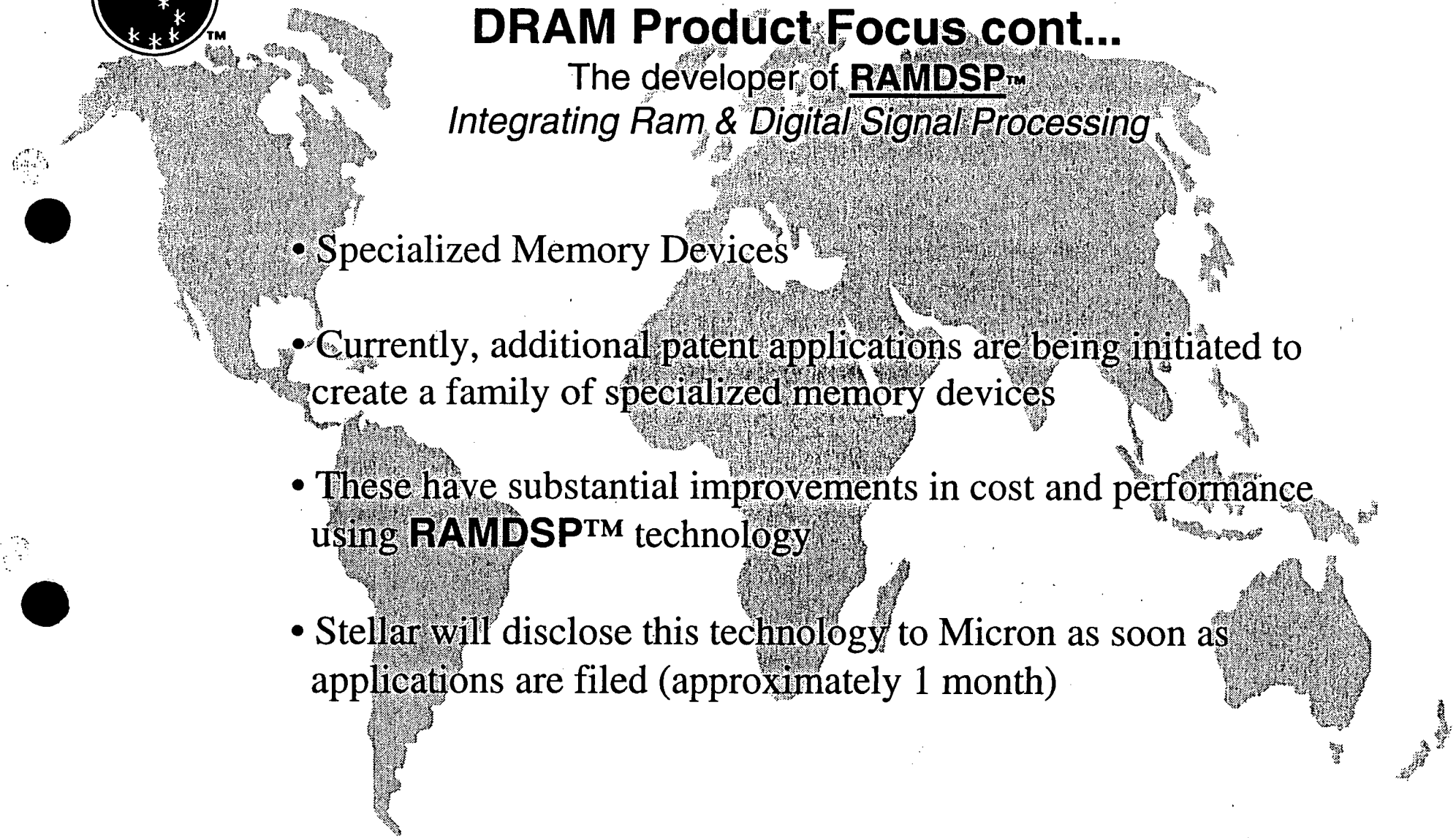

- Specialized Memory Devices
- Currently, additional patent applications are being initiated to create a family of specialized memory devices
- These have substantial improvements in cost and performance using **RAMDSP™** technology
- Stellar will disclose this technology to Micron as soon as applications are filed (approximately 1 month)

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Execution Unit Detail

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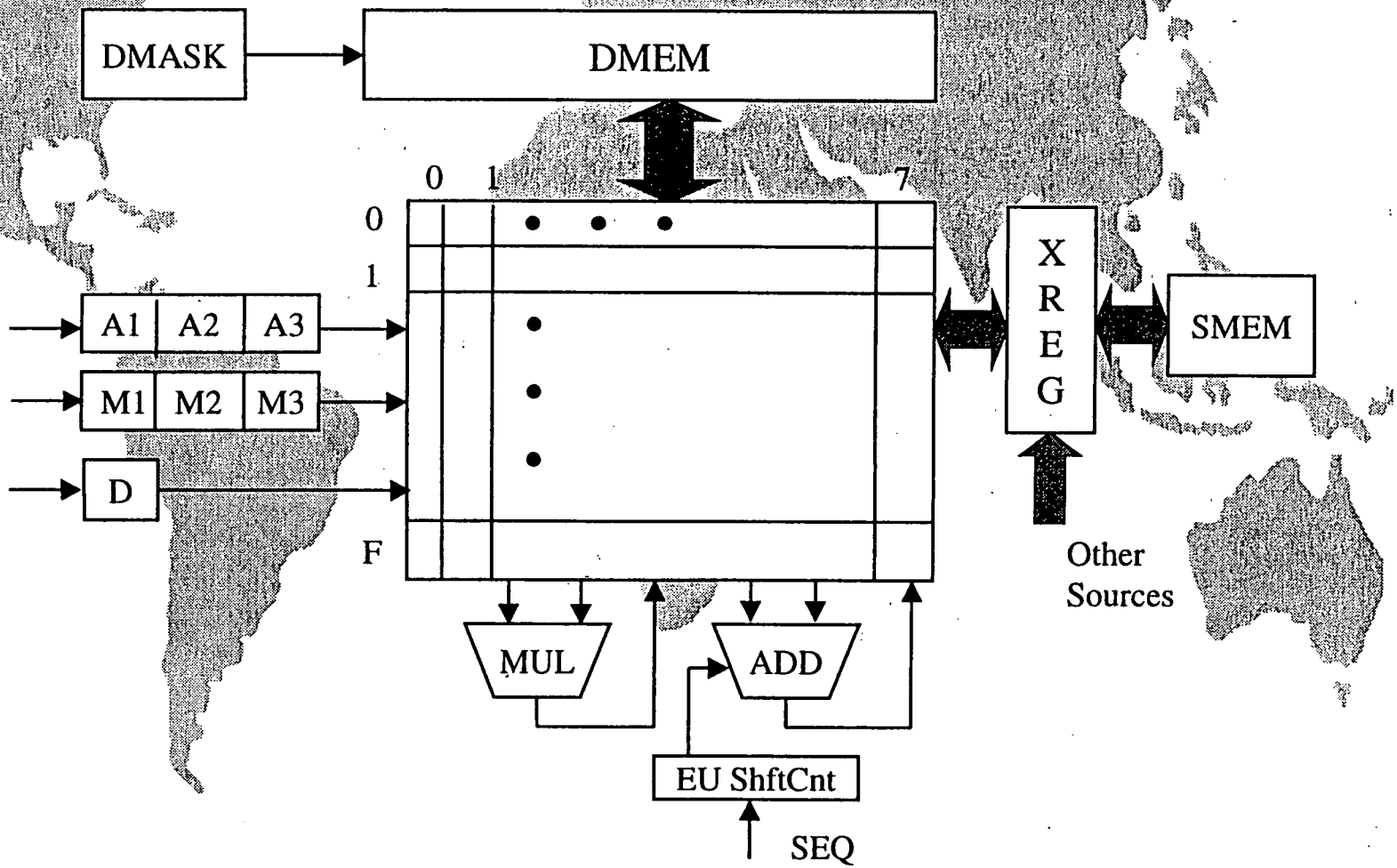

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RAMDSP applied to Video Applications

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- Low power solution to upcoming generation of digital-video consumer products
  - Professional Broadcasting
  - PCs and Workstations
  - DVD-based Video Recorders and Camcorders
- Key enablers to new technologies
  - Design Flexibility
  - Programmability
  - Integrated Memory

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RAMDSP Design Flexibility Targets MPEG-2

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- EU design can be "bulked up" when applied to simple operations such as those used in motion estimation.
- Motion Estimation can require up to 8 Gops of performance or more.
- EU performance scales upward and is only limited by DRAM bandwidth.

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MPEG-2 Encoder Motion Estimation

Baseline Configuration	ME Configuration
EU: 64-bit data path	EU: 128,256-bit data path
MCCU: ~~256K~~ 16K bits SRAM control store	MCCU: ~~128-64K~~ 16K bits ~~SRAM control store~~

NOTE: DRAM stores all microcode and than down to loads SRAM - 1/2 16K to fill which other half executes 52

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RAMDSP MPEG-2 Encoder Solution

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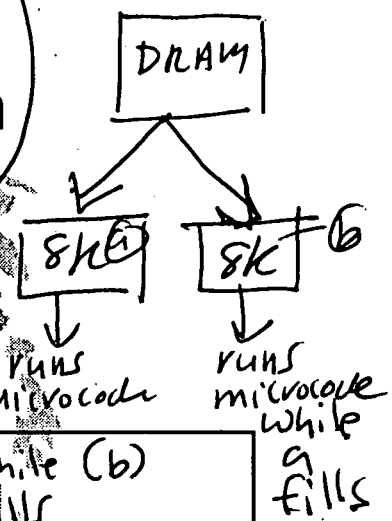

Single Chip Solution

Codec Unit BIU: Bitstream Capable EU: 64-bit data path	Motion Estimation Unit EU: 128-bit data path
Motion Estimation Unit EU: 128-bit data path	Motion Estimation Unit EU: 128-bit data path

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RAMDSP Programmability Targets MPEG-2

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MPEG-2 Motion Estimation Algorithms

EU: $\sum_{m=0}^{15}\sum_{n=0}^{15} | X_{m,n} - R_{m+i,n+j} |$

$\sum_{m=0}^{7}\sum_{n=0}^{15} | X_{m,n} - R_{m+i,n+j} |$

$\sum_{m=0}^{15}\sum_{n=0}^{15} | X_{m,n} - \frac{(R_{m+i,n+j} + R_{m+i,n+j+1})}{2} |$

$\sum_{m=0}^{15}\sum_{n=0}^{15} (X_{m,n} - R_{m+i,n+j})^2$

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MCCU: Three-step search
Hierarchical search
Full search

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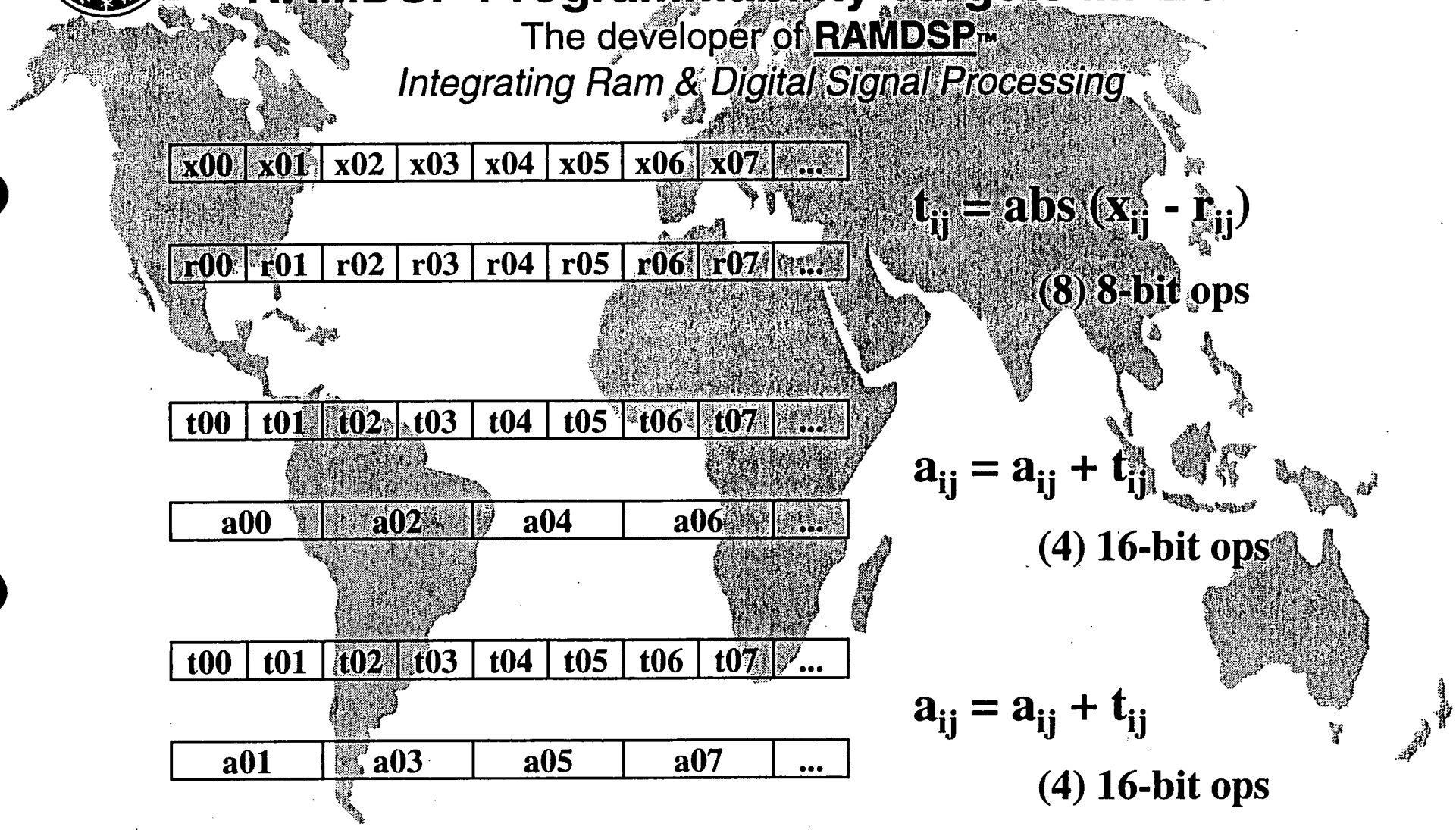

$t_{ij} = abs(x_{ij} - r_{ij})$

(8) 8-bit ops

$a_{ij} = a_{ij} + t_{ij}$

(4) 16-bit ops

$a_{ij} = a_{ij} + t_{ij}$

(4) 16-bit ops

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RAMDSP Integrated Memory Targets MPEG-2

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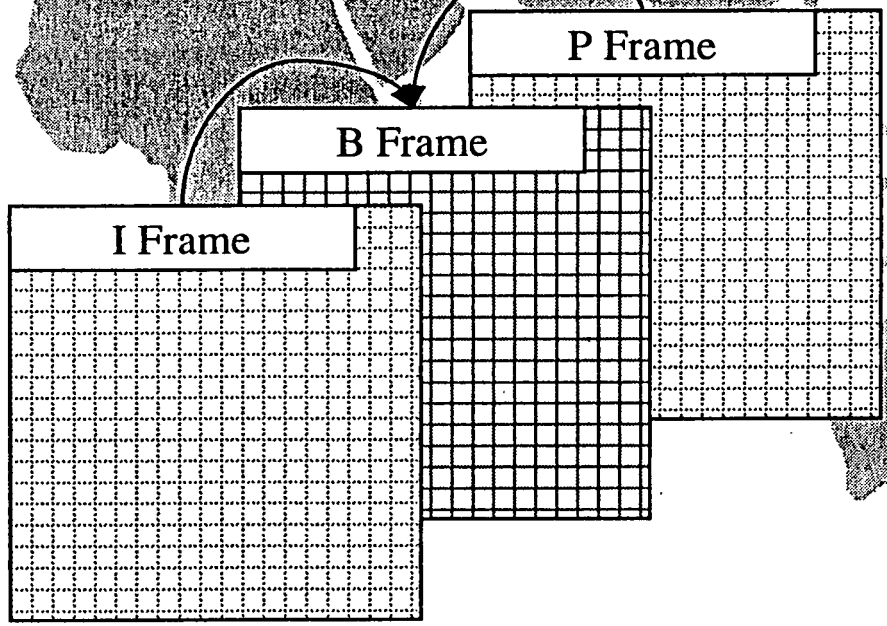
Motion Estimation Buffer Requirements

RAMDSP ™ features multiple Mbytes of memory resident near the execution unit, which allows quick access to predictor frames.



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RAMDSP Performance on 8x8 DCT

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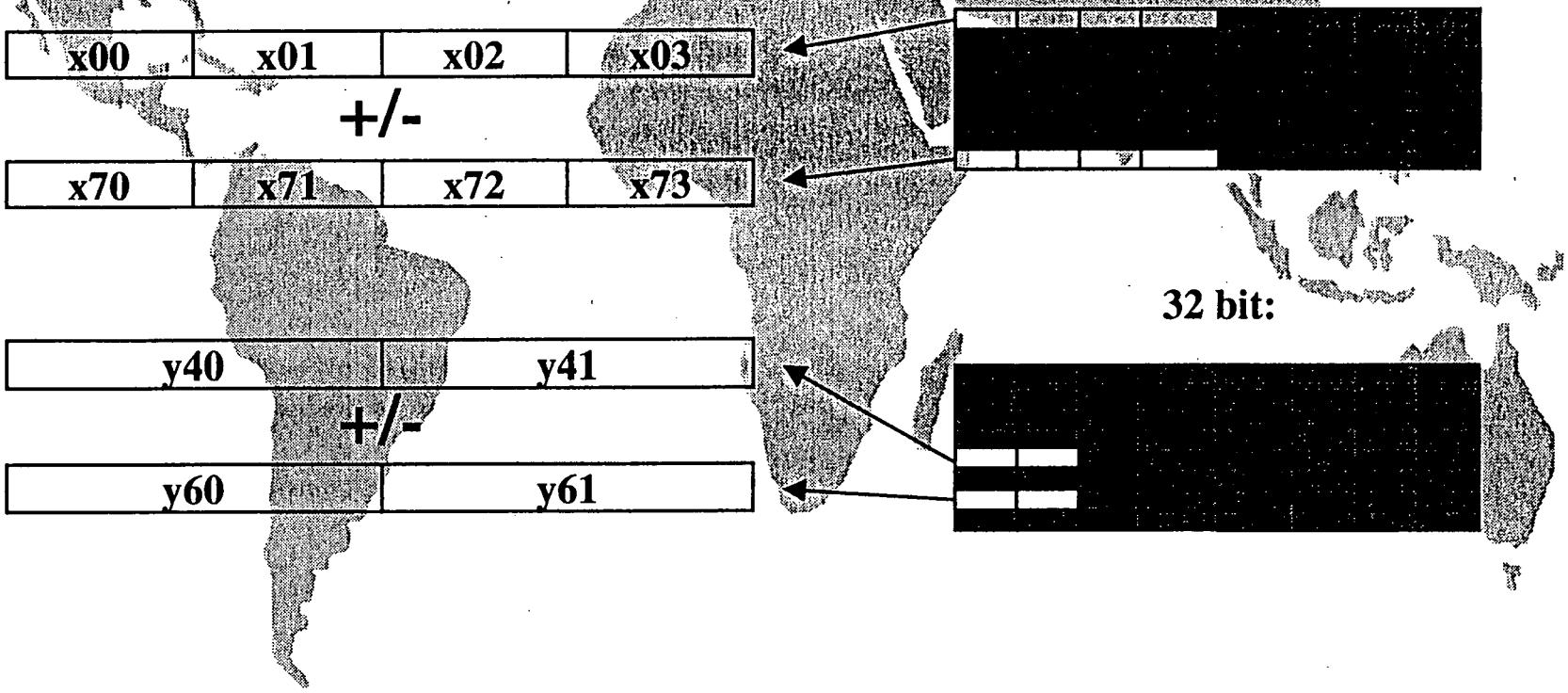
Depending on the data type, EU can operate on 4 or 2 columns at a time, per 64-bit data path



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RAMDSP Performance on 8x8 DCT

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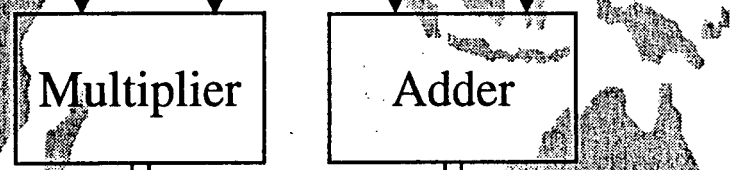
Fast transpose operation keeps SIMD style column operations running at near-peak performance

x00	x01	x02	x03
x10	x11	x12	x13
x20	x21	x22	x23
x30	x31	x32	x33



x00	x10	x20	x30
x01	x11	x21	x31
x02	x12	x22	x32
x03	x13	x23	x33

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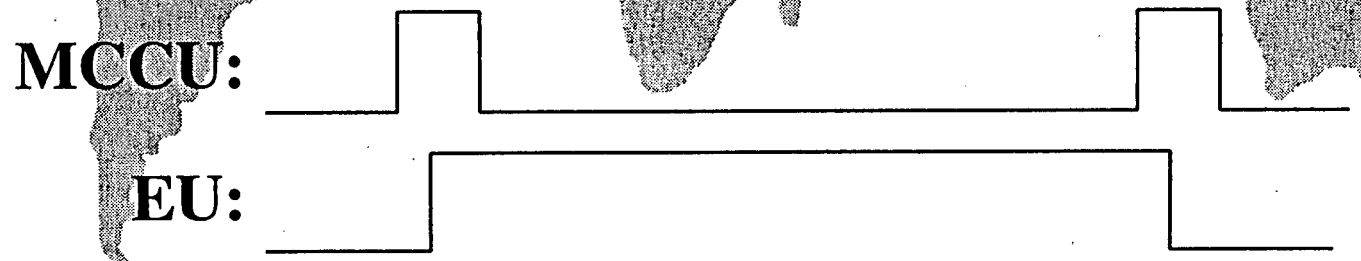
- A single 8x8 DCT operation takes approximately 200 clock cycles on a 64-bit EU datapath.
- Assuming an 8:1 ratio between EU cycle times and DRAM cycle times, and a 512-bit wide data bus:
  - DRAM cycles to load data from memory: 2
  - DRAM cycles to compute the 8x8 DCT: 25
  - DRAM cycles to store data to memory: 2



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RAMDSP Bus Interface Unit for MPEG-2

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- Bus Interface Unit from baseline configuration is enhanced to facilitate bitstream coding and decoding.
  - Fast SRAM added for quick coefficient lookup, and access to quantizer matrices.
  - Additional shift operations, leading one operations.
  - Caching of data to aid in zigzag ordering before storing to DRAM, or writing to bus.

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Power Profile

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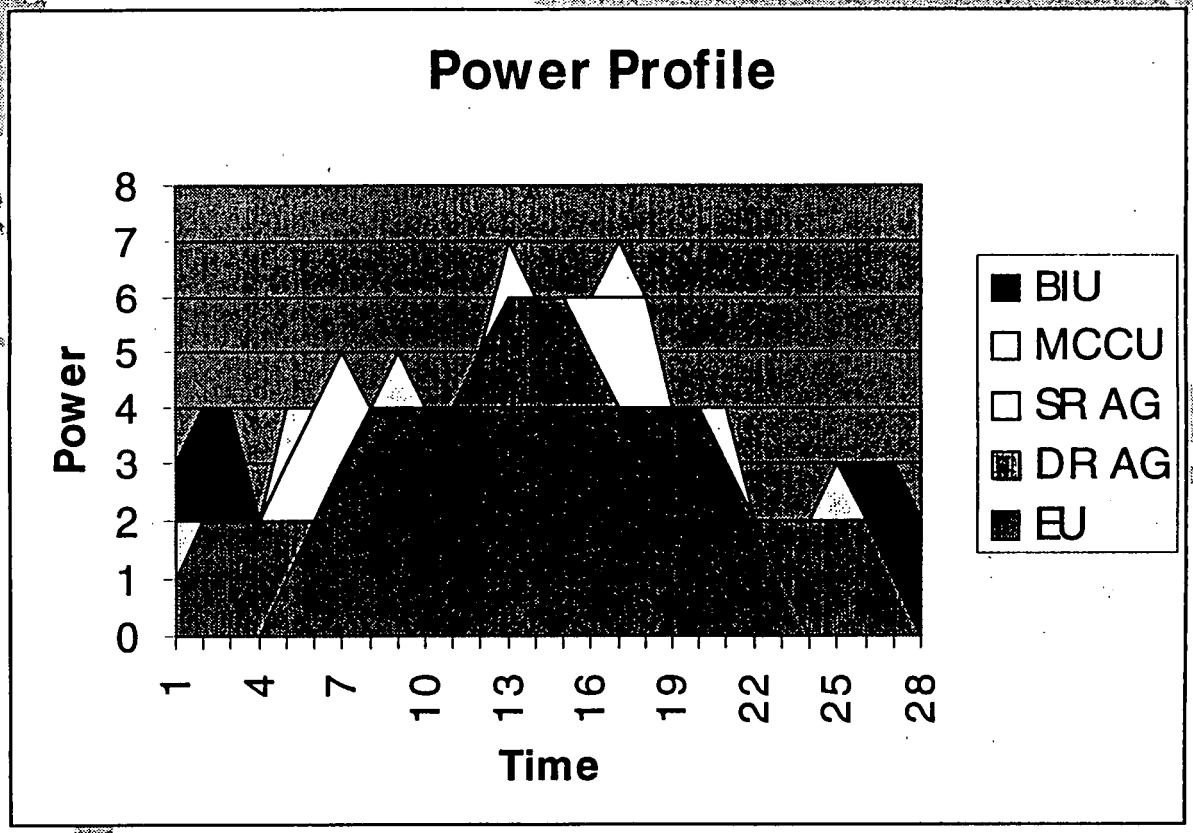

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RAMDSP vs. Other MPEG-2 Encoder Solutions

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	CHROMATIC MPACT 2	C-CUBE DVX	TRIMEDIA TM-1000	RAMDSP 3+1
Architecture	**VLIW ME CoProc**	**DSPCore RISC Core ME CoProc**	**VLIW Decode Core**	**SIMD - Vector**
Transistors	**3.0 M**	**5.5 M**	**5.5 M**	**2.0 M**
Peak Performance	**6 Bops**	**1 Bop + ME**	**3.8 Bops**	**11 Bops**
Memory Configuration	**4 – 8 MB RAMBUS**	**8 MB SDRAM**	**SDRAM**	**8 MB emedded**
Notes	**Toshiba may embed 4MB DRAM**		**MPEG-2 decode only**	

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RAMDSP Device Count Estimation for MPEG Application

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Execution Unit plus Data Path		
Register File	160k	
Data Path	~ 50k	
MicroCode Store		
16k SRAM -	96k Transistors	
Address Generators and Controllers		
SE AG	~ 5k	
DMA AG	~ 6.5k	
DMEM AG	~ 6.5k	
LMEM AG	~ 4.0k	

NOTE: THAT A THREE LEVEL PIPE LINE IN THE EXECUTION DATA PATH WOULD IMPROVE PERFORMANCE SO THAT ONE ME ENGINE could be Eliminated thus a reduction of 500,000 TRANSISTORS up.

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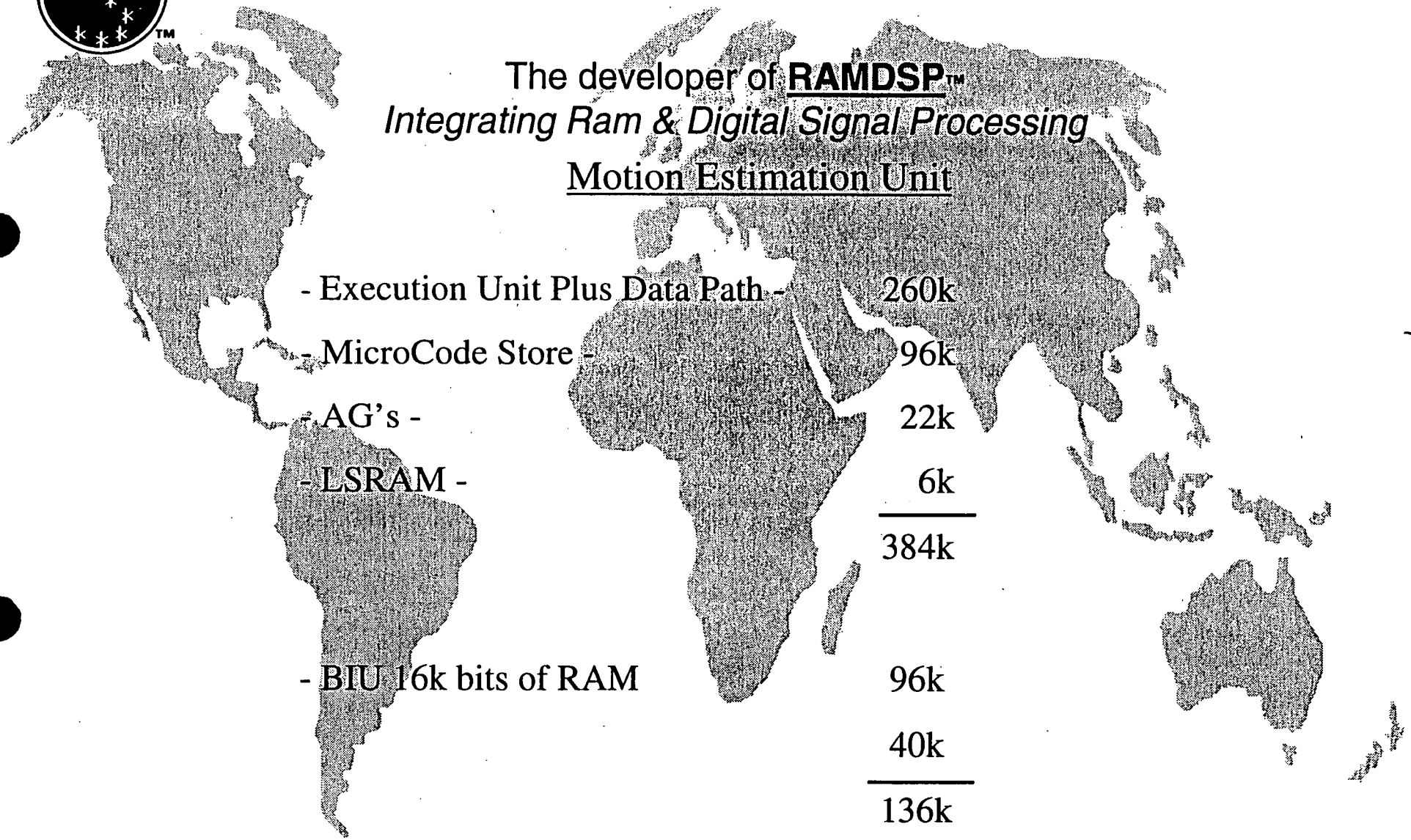

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Motion Estimation Unit

- Execution Unit Plus Data Path -	260k
- MicroCode Store -	96k
- AG's -	22k
- LSRAM -	6k
	384k
- BIU 16k bits of RAM	96k
	40k
	136k

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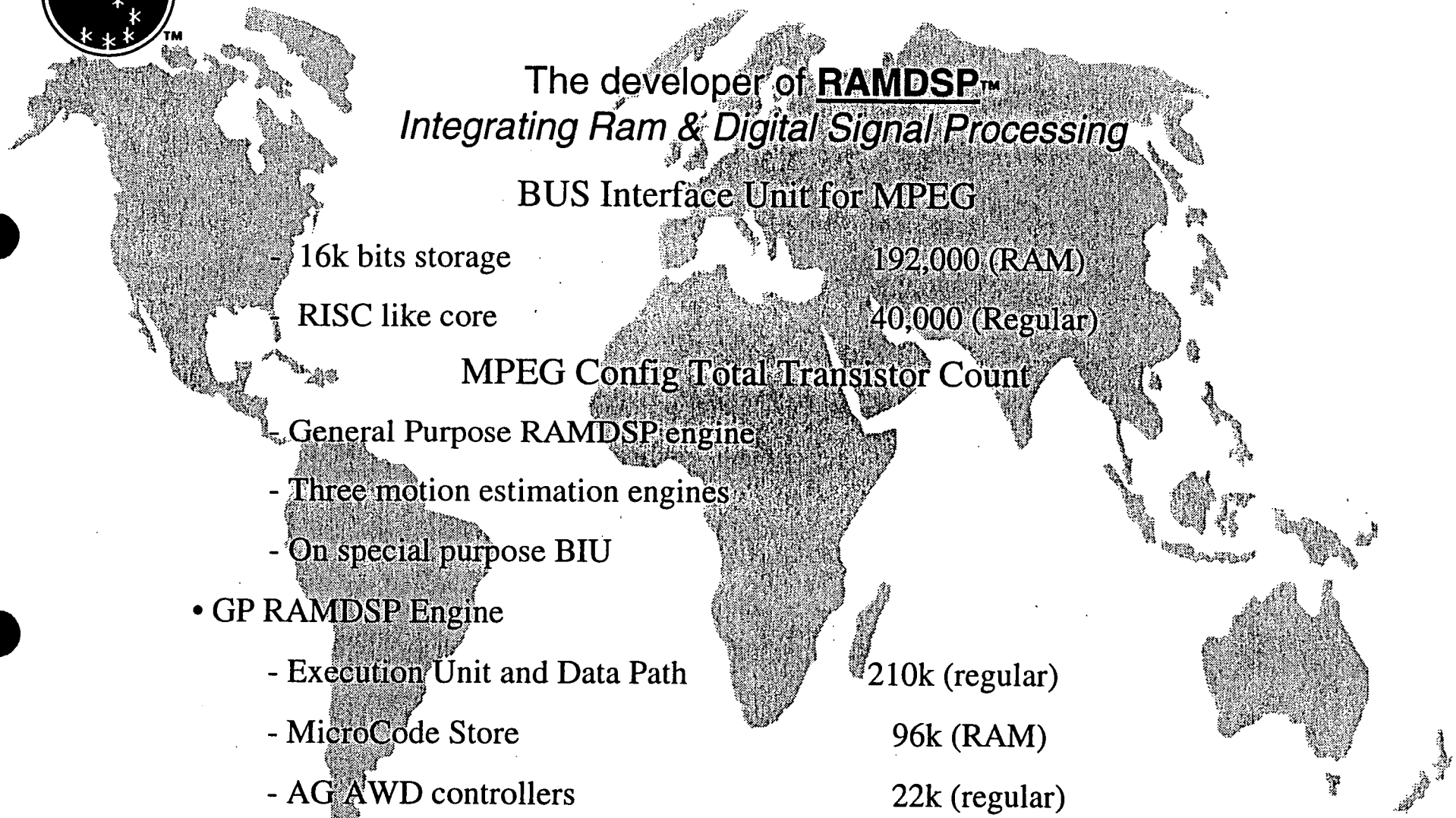

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BUS Interface Unit for MPEG

- 16k bits storage	192,000 (RAM)
- RISC like core	40,000 (Regular)

MPEG Config Total Transistor Count

- General Purpose RAMDSP engine
- Three motion estimation engines
- On special purpose BIU

• GP RAMDSP Engine

- Execution Unit and Data Path	210k (regular)
- MicroCode Store	96k (RAM)
- AG AWD controllers	22k (regular)
- LSRAM - (32k bits)	192k (RAM)
	520 k

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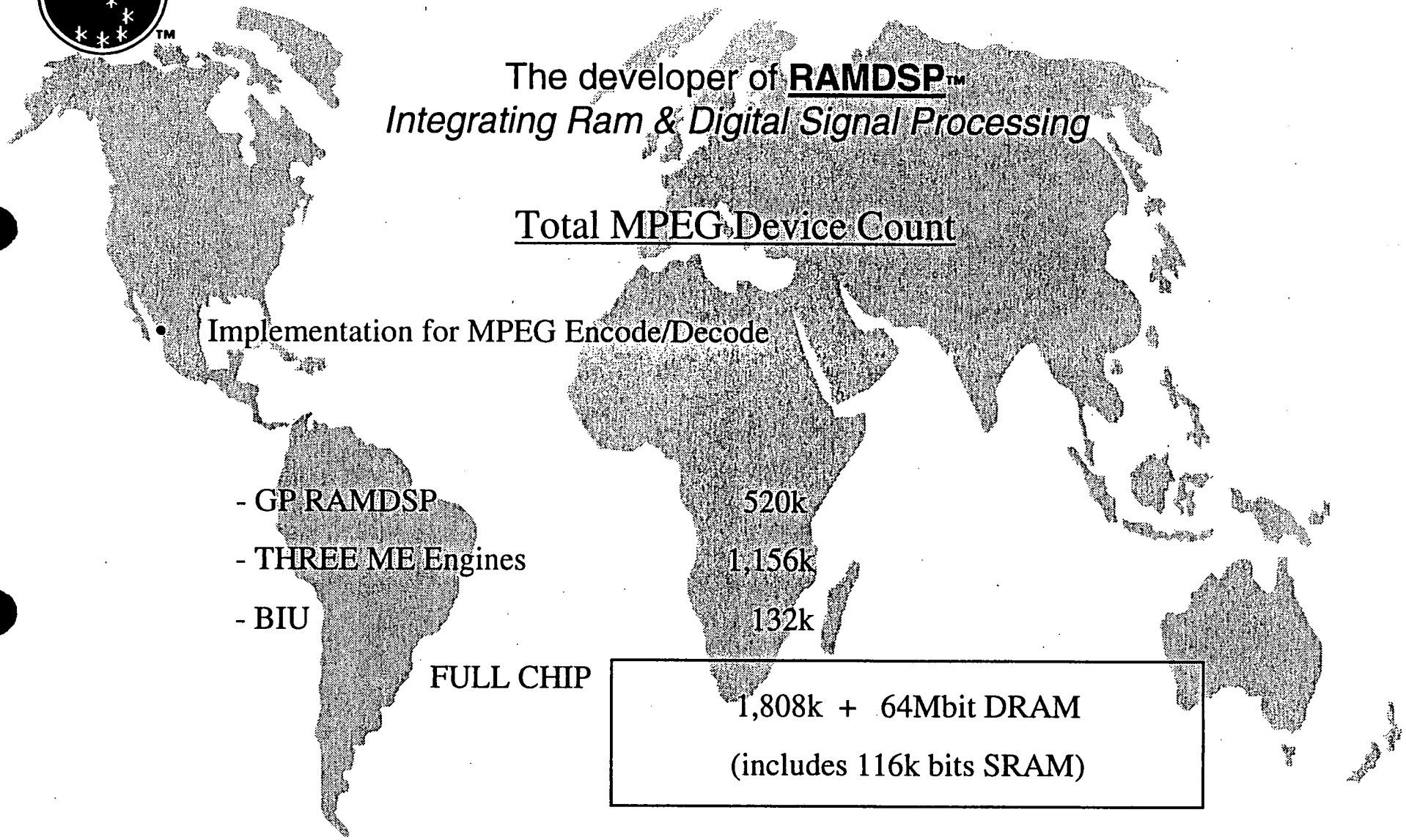

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Total MPEG Device Count

- Implementation for MPEG Encode/Decode

- GP RAMDSP	520k
- THREE ME Engines	1,156k
- BIU	132k
FULL CHIP	1,808k + 64Mbit DRAM (includes 116k bits SRAM)

SEQ and AG instructions

UNIT				op code	operand 1	operand 2
	nop			00000000		
SEQ	halt			00000001		
SEQ	return			00000010		
SEQ	jmp	s		00010000	4 bits	
SEQ	call	s		00010001	4 bits	
	putx	s		00010010	4 bits	
	getx	d		00010011	4 bits	
	putxhi	s		00010100	4 bits	
	getxhi	d		00010101	4 bits	
SEQ	getstat	d		00010110	4 bits	
SEQ	setshft	s		00010111	4 bits	
SEQ	setcfg	s		00011000	4 bits	
SEQ	setloop	s		00011001	4 bits	
SEQ	setcond	s		00011010	4 bits	
	inc	d		0010000x	4 bits	
	dec	d		0010001x	4 bits	
	add	s	d	0011000x	4 bits	4 bits
	sub	s	d	0011001x	4 bits	4 bits
	neg	s	d	0011010x	4 bits	4 bits
	mov	s	d	0011011x	4 bits	4 bits
	and	s	d	0011100x	4 bits	4 bits
	or	s	d	0011101x	4 bits	4 bits
	xor	s	d	0011110x	4 bits	4 bits
	not	s	d	0011111x	4 bits	4 bits
	shft	cnt	d	010000	6 bits	4 bits
SEQ	brcond	offset		0110	12 bits	
SEQ	loop	offset		0111	12 bits	
AG	setavec	val		0110	12 bits	
AG	setmvec	val		0111	12 bits	
	ldi	val	d	10	10 bits	4 bits
	ldiu	val	d	11	10 bits	4 bits

Note: If x = 1, then set the DRAM address register with the ALU output.

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EU Adder instructions

anop							0000000			
pacc	u/s	h/l	8/16		s	d	0001111	uhz	3 bits	3 bits
padd	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	001uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
psub	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	010uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pabdif	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	011uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pars	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	100uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pcomp	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	101uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pshft	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32/64	s1	s2	d	110uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pldzero			8/16/32/64		s	d	11100zz		3 bits	3 bits
pldone			8/16/32/64		s	d	11101zz		3 bits	3 bits
cshft				s1	s2	d	1111000	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
dshft				s1	s2	d	1111001	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
and				s1	s2	d	1111010	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
or				s1	s2	d	1111011	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
xor				s1	s2	d	1111100	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
not					s	d	1111101		3 bits	3 bits

EU Multiplier instructions

mnop							0000000			
ppack	u/s	h/l	16/32,sat		s	d	000100s	uhz	3 bits	3 bits
punpk	u/s	h/l	8/16		s	d	0001010	uhz	3 bits	3 bits
pacc2	u/s	h/l	8/16		s	d	0001111	uhz	3 bits	3 bits
padd2	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	001uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
psub2	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	010uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pabdif2	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	011uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pars2	u/s	sat/non	8/16/32	s1	s2	d	100uszz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pmul	u/s	hh/ll/hl/lh	8/16	s1	s2	d	101uhhz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pmin	u/s		8/16/32/64	s1	s2	d	1100uzz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
pmax	u/s		8/16/32/64	s1	s2	d	1101uzz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
cndmrg			8/16/32	s1	s2	d	11100zz	3 bits	3 bits	3 bits
cndmov			8/16/32		s	d	11101zz		3 bits	3 bits

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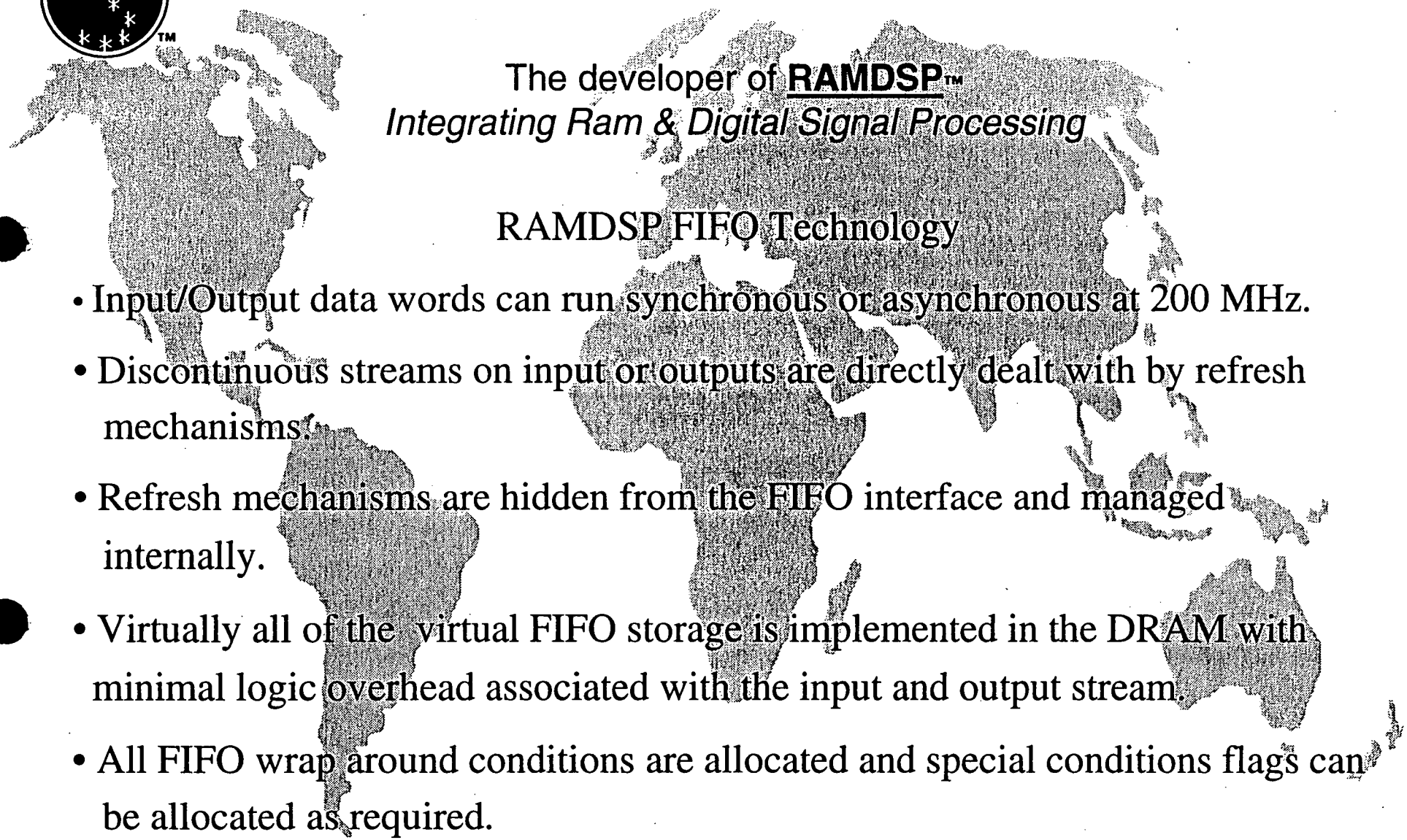

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RAMDSP FIFO Technology

- Input/Output data words can run synchronous or asynchronous at 200 MHz.
- Discontinuous streams on input or outputs are directly dealt with by refresh mechanisms.
- Refresh mechanisms are hidden from the FIFO interface and managed internally.
- Virtually all of the virtual FIFO storage is implemented in the DRAM with minimal logic overhead associated with the input and output stream.
- All FIFO wrap around conditions are allocated and special conditions flags can be allocated as required.

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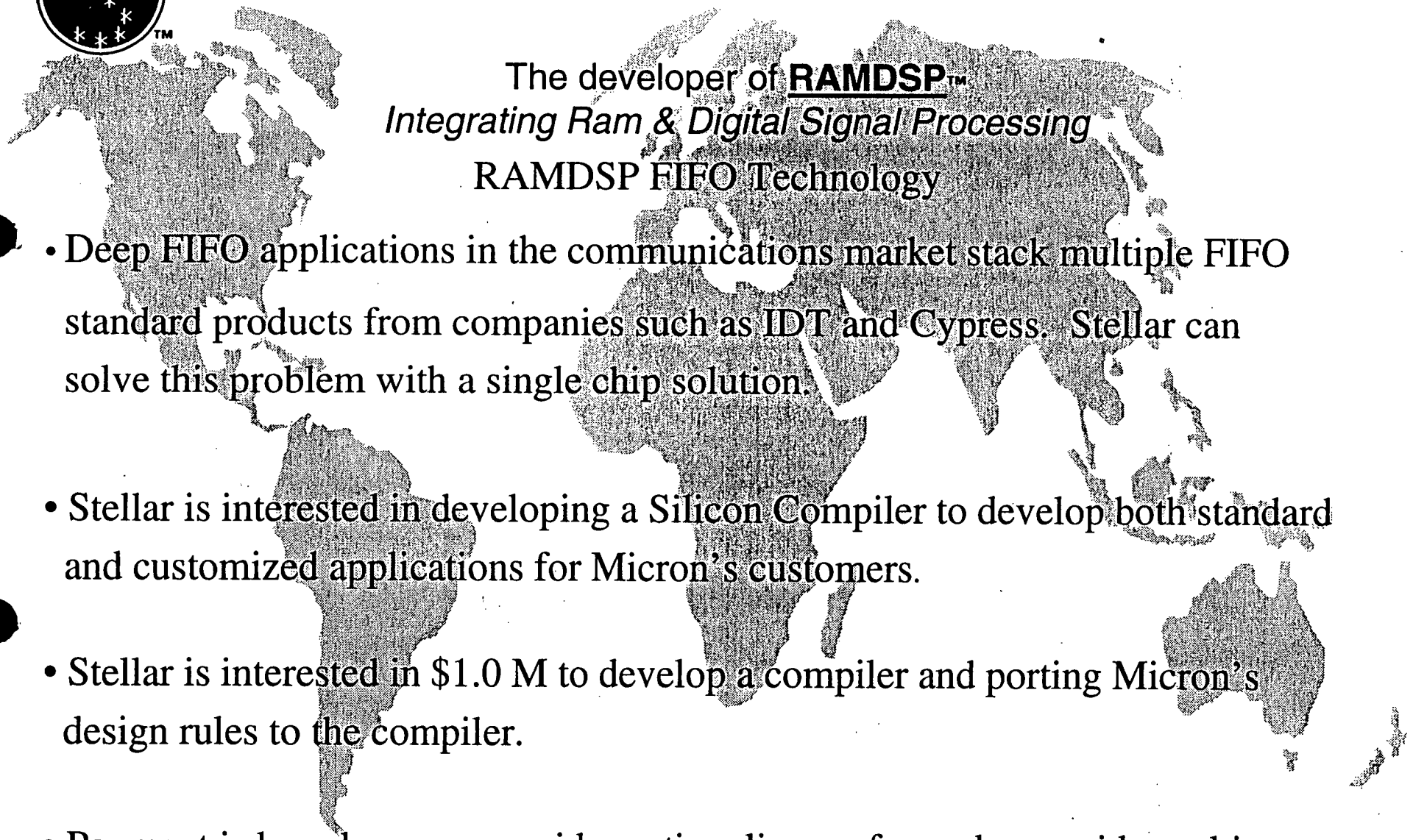

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RAMDSP FIFO Technology

- Deep FIFO applications in the communications market stack multiple FIFO standard products from companies such as IDT and Cypress. Stellar can solve this problem with a single chip solution.

- Stellar is interested in developing a Silicon Compiler to develop both standard and customized applications for Micron's customers.

- Stellar is interested in $1.0 M to develop a compiler and porting Micron's design rules to the compiler.

- Payment is based upon pre-paid one time license fee and pre-paid royalties.

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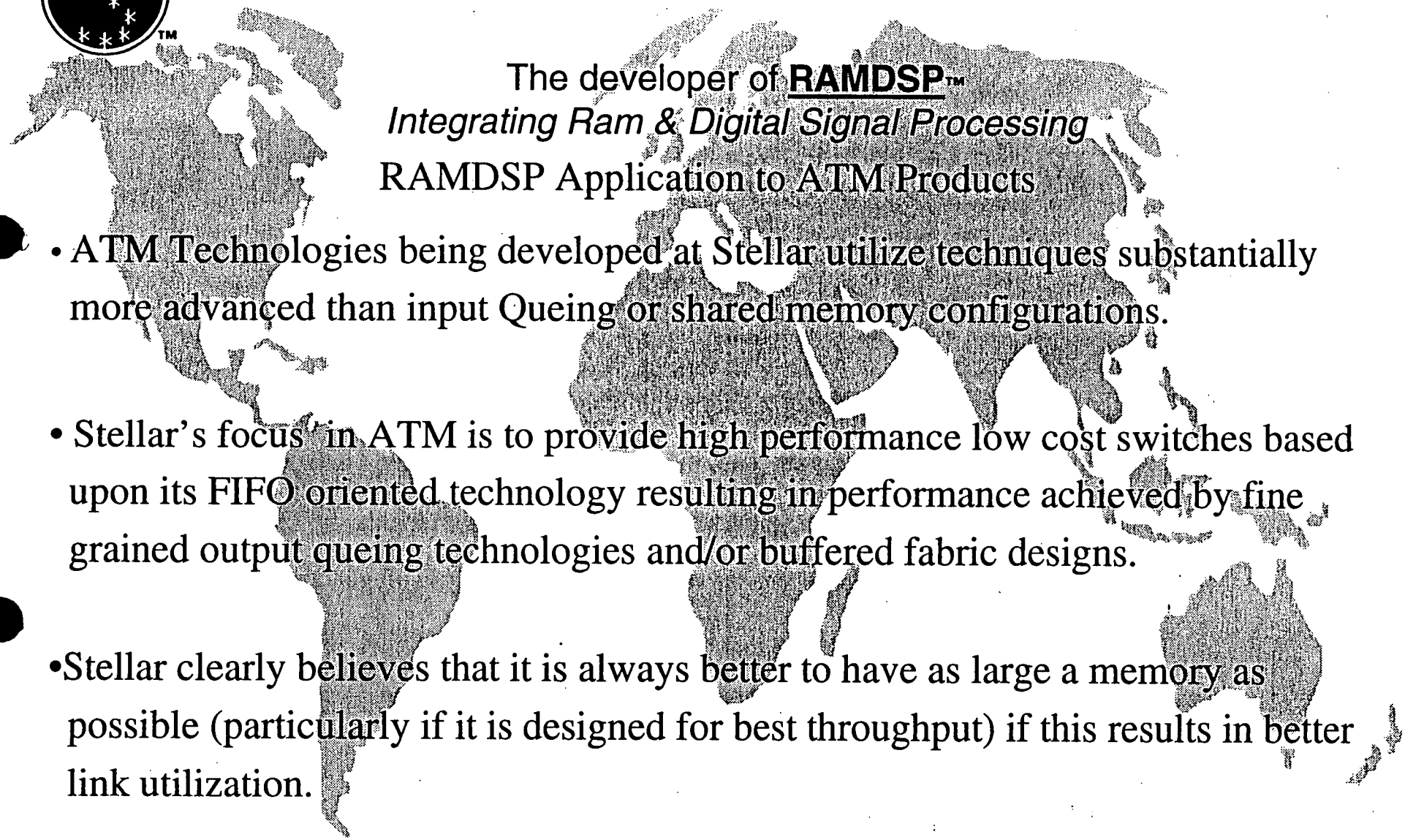

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RAMDSP Application to ATM Products

- ATM Technologies being developed at Stellar utilize techniques substantially more advanced than input Queing or shared memory configurations.

- Stellar's focus in ATM is to provide high performance low cost switches based upon its FIFO oriented technology resulting in performance achieved by fine grained output queing technologies and/or buffered fabric designs.

- Stellar clearly believes that it is always better to have as large a memory as possible (particularly if it is designed for best throughput) if this results in better link utilization.

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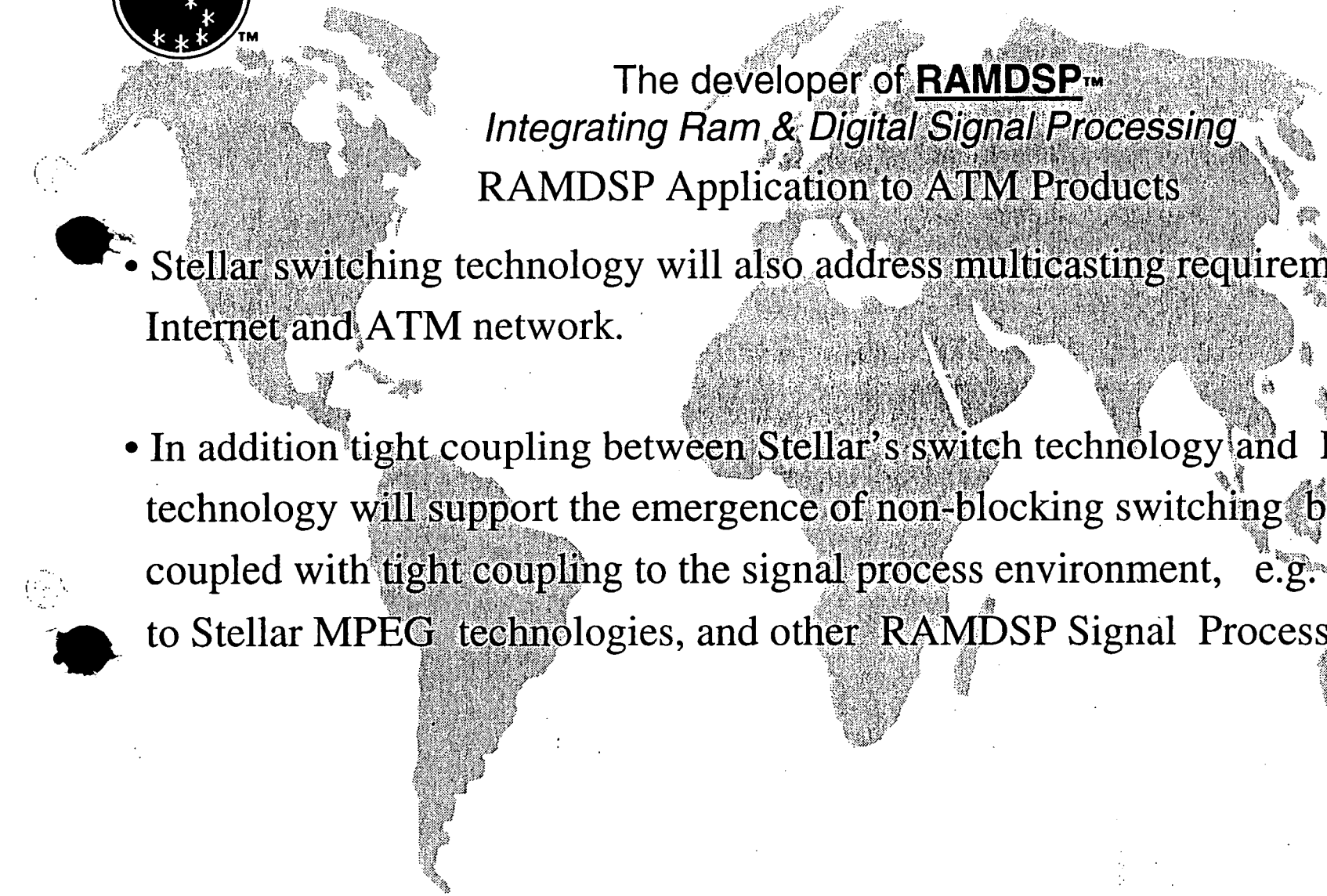

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RAMDSP Application to ATM Products

- Stellar switching technology will also address multicasting requirements for Internet and ATM network.

- In addition tight coupling between Stellar's switch technology and RAMSDP technology will support the emergence of non-blocking switching backbone coupled with tight coupling to the signal process environment, e.g. -- coupling to Stellar MPEG technologies, and other RAMDSP Signal Processing.